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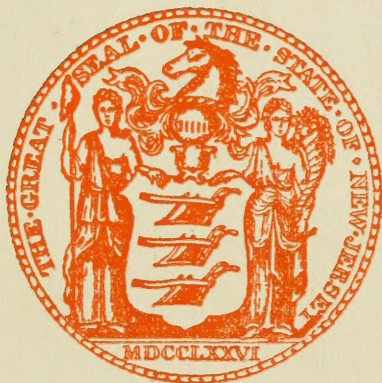
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**F**REDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN, LL.D., whose eminent career at the bar and in public life is a part of the contemporary history of the State of New Jersey, was born in Millstone, Somerset County, August 4, 1817. He was the youngest son of Frederick Frelinghuysen, a brilliant lawyer, who was the youngest son of General Frederick Frelinghuysen, a lawyer, delegate to the Continental Congress, member of the Provincial Congress and Committee of Safety of New Jersey, captain of the Revolution, major-general of militia in the "Whiskey Rebellion", and United States senator from 1793 to 1796. General Frelinghuysen was born in Somerville, April 13, 1753, was graduated from Princeton in 1770, and died in 1804, leaving three sons: John, a graduate of Queens College, member of the State Council, and an officer in the War of 1812; Theodore, a graduate of Princeton, United States senator, and president of Rutgers College; and Frederick, father of Frederick T.

General Frelinghuysen's parents were the Rev. John Frelinghuysen and Dinah Van Berg. His grandfather, Rev. Theodorus Jacobus Frelinghuysen, was born in Holland, was ordained to the ministry in the Reformed Dutch Church, and in 1720 came to this country. He was a pioneer preacher of the Gospel, occupying almost the entire County of Somerset with parts of Middlesex and Hunterdon as the field of his missionary labors. His son, Rev. John



Frelinghuysen, was also ordained in Holland and entered upon the work of his father in 1750, residing in Somerville, where he gathered a preparatory and divinity school that became, through one of his pupils, Rev. Dr. Hardenburg, Queen's (now Rutgers) College, of which Dr. Hardenburg was the first president. After his death, which occurred in 1754, Dr. Hardenburg married his widow, who was Dinah Van Berg, the daughter of a wealthy East India merchant of Amsterdam, Holland.

Frederick Frelinghuysen, father of Frederick T., was born in Millstone, N. J., November 7, 1788, and died in 1820, leaving a young widow, who was the daughter of Peter B. Dumont, of this State.

Frederick T. Frelinghuysen was only three years old when his father died, and he was immediately adopted by his uncle Theodore and taken to Newark. He attended the Newark Academy and also the academy at Somerville, and was graduated from Rutgers College in 1836 in the class with Hon. Joseph P. Bradley, Hon. William A. Newell, Cortlandt Parker, and other eminent men, including John F. Hageman, who says of him at this period:

While a student Mr. Frelinghuysen was peculiarly attractive. His personal appearance was very prepossessing. His rather tall and slender figure, always neatly and tastefully attired, with a handsome face and beauteous countenance ever retained by him, expressive of a noble soul within, that could harbor no mean or impure thought; with a voice clear, melodious, and sympathetic, and always exhibiting a dignified and manly bearing among his fellows,—all these gave him a singularly attractive and impressive presence, so that we were accustomed to

look upon him as a miniature senator and statesman in embryo. His natural talents were of a high order, but he had no specialties in his studies, no genius for higher mathematics, no special fondness for the physical sciences. While his standing was good in the classics, and in the general studies prescribed, it was evident that he enjoyed most the branches of mental and moral philosophy, logic and rhetoric. Oratory had a charm for him. He seemed to have a prescience of the path of life he was destined to pursue, and all his studies were subordinated to that end. His eye was directed towards the exalted stations ahead of him, which he attained in after years. The exercises of the literary society, the Philoclean, of which he was a member while in college for three years, were appreciated by him, and doubtless the discipline which he received therefrom contributed to that skill in debate which he displayed in his eminent legal and senatorial career.

After leaving college Mr. Frelinghuysen entered the law office of his uncle Theodore, at Newark, and at the end of three years of study was admitted to the bar in 1839 as an attorney and in 1842 as a counsellor. At this period he married and joined the Dutch Reformed Church—the church of his ancestors. His wife was Miss Matilda Griswold, the accomplished daughter of George A. Griswold, a wealthy merchant of New York.

Entering upon the active practice of his profession in Newark, he soon rose to distinction, not only as the successor of his eminent uncle, who had become chancellor of the University of the State of New York, but as a young man of uncompromising integrity and great intellectual ability. "A host of influential friends gathered around him. The religious classes cherished an affection for his name; and the Newark bar took him into their special favor, while the community be-

stowed their blandishments and good will upon him." He was soon appointed city attorney, elected a member of the City Council, and became the retained counsel of the New Jersey Central Railroad Company and the Morris Canal and Banking Company. He appeared before courts and juries in different capacities with great success, and in a few years stood in the foremost rank of the New Jersey bar.

A Whig in politics, he was often called upon to address political gatherings. In 1861 he was a member of the Peace Congress at Washington, and in the same year Governor Olden appointed him attorney-general of the State, to which office he was again appointed in 1866 by Governor Ward, discharging its duties with rare ability and bravely seconding the governor in sustaining the Union. His intense patriotism was one of his chief characteristics, and throughout his life he was one of the most loyal citizens. He applied himself to the best principles of civil government, and with voice, pen, and action aided not only in advancing the interests of State and nation in the stormy days of the Civil War, but in shaping the destinies of the country during the period of reconstruction. In December, 1866, by the appointment of Governor Ward, he took his seat in the United States Senate as the successor of Hon. William Wright, of Newark, and served in that body with universal satisfaction until 1869. In 1870 President Grant appointed him minister to England, an honor



he declined. In 1871 he was again elected United States senator for the full term of six years.

Mr. Frelinghuysen was an eloquent speaker, an able statesman, and a man of great popularity and influence, and in the Senate "added the choicest laurels to his fair fame." He was versed in the science of law and civil government, possessed of rare oratorical graces, and a fine presence of dignity and action, and indomitable courage blended with faultless Christian courtesy. As a member of the judiciary, finance, naval affairs, claims, railroad, and agriculture committees, he was often charged with varied and perplexing responsibilities, which he discharged with great skill and acceptability. His speeches show the instinct of the scholar as well as the loftiest qualities of statesmanship.

After the tragic death of Garfield Mr. Frelinghuysen was invited (December, 1881) to take the first place in President Arthur's cabinet as secretary of state, which he filled with characteristic ability until March 4, 1885. He died on May 20 of the same year. His great work in that capacity was an elaborate treaty with Spain, which failed of ratification, and another treaty involving the construction of a Nicaraguan Canal, to both of which he brought eminent diplomatic powers and sound judgment.

Mr. Frelinghuysen was for thirty-four years—from 1851 until his death—a trustee of Rutgers College. In 1862 Princeton University conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D.

On August 9, 1894, a colossal bronze statue of Mr. Frelinghuysen, erected by the citizens of Newark, was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. The address on this occasion was delivered by the late Hon. Theodore Runyon, who said:

He was of stern integrity and honesty of purpose, and despised all unworthy or questionable methods to secure success in any undertaking or for any purpose, or to promote his own advancement in any direction, whether political or otherwise. Not even the tongue of calumny ever uttered a word to the contrary, nor did the malevolence of detraction dare to assail his private reputation. He was an earnest and consistent Christian. His interest in matters that pertained to religion was constant and active, and was manifested whenever there was proper occasion to call for it. It may be said with truth that all his long life he walked humbly before his God and served Him continually.

**J**OHNSLEY BLAIR (born at Foul Rift, a landingplace on the Delaware, two miles below Belvidere, N. J., August 22, 1802) was descended from the Blairs of Blair-Athol, Perthshire, Scotland. Representatives of the family came to America as early as 1720, and settled in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Among them were two lads, brothers, Samuel and John Blair, both of whom were educated at the Log College on the Neshaminy under the celebrated William Tennant. They became distinguished ministers of the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Samuel Blair was called to Fagg's Manor in Chester County, Pa., in 1739, where, in conjunction with his pastoral work,



*John I. Blair*



he conducted a school that was among the most noteworthy of the early Presbyterian academies. His son, also the Rev. Samuel Blair, was pastor of the old South Church in Boston before the Revolution. He became chaplain of the Pennsylvania Battalion of Riflemen that participated in the siege of Boston. The Rev. Samuel Blair, the second, was offered the presidency of the College of New Jersey (Princeton), but declined in favor of Dr. Witherspoon. The Rev. John Blair was ordained pastor of Big Spring, Middle Spring, and Rocky Spring in the Cumberland Valley in 1742, but resigned in consequence of the frequent Indian incursions on the frontier, 1755-57, and succeeded his brother at Fagg's Manor. In 1767 he became professor of Divinity and Moral Philosophy at Princeton, and was acting president of the college until the accession of Dr. Witherspoon in 1769. He died at Wallkill, in the New York Highlands, in 1771.

While one branch of his family was devoting its energies to the work of the ministry and the dissemination of knowledge, another was molding the commerce which has since become one of the mainstays of the State of New Jersey. In the latter part of the eighteenth century another Samuel Blair was sent by a Philadelphia firm to take charge of the iron industry at Oxford Furnace in Warren County, New Jersey. This Samuel Blair was John I. Blair's great-grandfather. Three generations of the family were engaged in the development and management of this



enterprise, and it was while Mr. Blair's father was settled at Foul Rift, attending to the shipping of the ore from Oxford Furnace, that John I. Blair was born.

When Mr. Blair was a mere lad his father removed to a farm of some five hundred acres, a few miles from Oxford Furnace, on a small stream called Beaver Brook, and it was here that his youth was passed. At the age of eleven years he started life as a clerk in a country store at Hope, a village some six miles from home. The death of his father recalled him, at the age of fourteen, to the management of the farm; he becoming the mainstay of his mother, who was left a widow, with ten children to care for, John I. being the third of seven sons. As soon as possible he resumed mercantile life at Hope, where he remained till the year 1819. During this period he passed one year in the service of Squire James Dewitt, where, being brought into close contact with the forms and proceedings of law, the method of collecting debts, compromising suits, and the drawing of legal papers, he derived much practical knowledge of business.

At the age of seventeen Mr. Blair established himself in business at Blairstown, N. J., then known as Gravel Hill. In conjunction with his cousin, John Blair, he started a general country store. The partnership lasted only two years, John I. Blair purchasing his cousin's interest in the business. For forty years Mr. Blair devoted himself to mercantile pursuits, constantly extending his business until it cov-

ered all the northern part of New Jersey, and reached far into Pennsylvania and New York. While engaged in merchandising, Mr. Blair's attention was attracted to the importance of railroad construction for the development of the resources of the iron and coal regions of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and he devoted much of his energy and capital to building the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, 1851-59. The breaking out of the Civil War rendered this road one of the most prosperous in the country. Its profits were so great that its stock, the par value of which was fifty dollars, rose from 54 in 1860 to 230 in 1864. The road has always been one of the leading lines for carrying coal from the mines to the seaboard, and it enabled Mr. Blair to acquire a very large fortune.

In his early mature years Mr. Blair was an ardent Whig; when, after the disruption of the Whig party, the time was ripe for the formation of the Republican party, he was among the first to cast his fortunes with the new movement. In the national convention in Philadelphia, in 1856, it was mainly through his influence that New Jersey obtained the honor of naming the candidate for the second place on the ticket, in the person of one of her sons, William L. Dayton.

Mr. Blair attended every national convention of the Republican party, either as representative of his district, or as a delegate-at-large. In the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln at Chicago, in

1860, he exerted his influence in Mr. Lincoln's behalf so effectively that New Jersey was among the first of the Eastern States to drop her favorite candidate, and start the stampede in support of the Western rail-splitter. Not only was he always faithful to the principles laid down in the platform of his party, and thus always true to its standard-bearer, but he was also an intimate friend of President Lincoln, and one of his trusted advisers on all financial questions. At one time his name was favorably mentioned in connection with the office of secretary of the treasury. Mr. Blair's faith in the ultimate success of American institutions never wavered, even in the darkest days of the war, and when Jerseymen were advising her to follow her sister States of the South in their efforts to destroy the Union, and writing letters urging action in that direction, he was lending the government money to assist it in the struggle for existence.

Mr. Blair never became a politician, in the popular sense of that term. He had not the time to be more than a true patriot. His business ventures (and he never speculated) occupied his time fully. He took an interest in politics only so far as his firm beliefs in the principles underlying our government and the extension and growth of the nation commanded his attention. Firmly believing in the principle of protection to American industry, he always found time to advocate, with all the energy for which he was noted, the faith which was in him. Only once in his life did

Mr. Blair enter the arena of politics. This was as a candidate for the governorship of his native State, in 1868. The contest was a very close one, many persons claiming that he was counted out by fraud; yet, by his friends, his defeat was considered a blessing in disguise, as he was thus left to continue his favorite work of opening up the territories of the West, through the agency of his system of railroads, which will ever be considered his life work.

Mr. Blair's married life was a very happy one. In 1826 he married Nancy Locke, the daughter of John Locke, whose father, Captain Locke, a soldier of the American Revolution, was killed in a skirmish at Springfield, in Morris County, N. J. Mrs. Blair died in 1888. Their children were Marcus L., DeWitt Clinton, Emma L., wife of Charles Scribner, the New York publisher, and Aurelia, wife of Clarence G. Mitchell, lawyer. DeWitt Clinton Blair was the only child living at the time of his father's death, December 2, 1899.

**W**ILLIAM BURNET KINNEY was distinguished alike for his journalistic achievements, his long and valuable public services, and his eminence as a progressive, influential citizen of Newark. He was a grandson of Thomas Kinney of Morris County, who descended from a distinguished Scotch family. Thomas Kin-

ney came to New Jersey previously to 1760, settling permanently at Speedwell, near Morristown, where he was engaged in the iron manufacturing industry. He was a conspicuous and public spirited citizen, served as high sheriff of Morris County, and was captain of a troop of horse in the Revolution. His son, Colonel Abraham Kinney, and the latter's wife, Hannah, daughter of Dr. William Burnet, the eminent scientist, soldier, statesman, and jurist, were the parents of William B. Kinney, the subject of this article. Dr. William Burnet, Jr., brother of Mrs. Hannah (Burnet) Kinney, had several daughters, of whom Mary married Chief-Justice Joseph C. Hornblower and Caroline became the wife of Governor William Pennington, thus establishing the present relationship between these three families.

William Burnet Kinney was born at Speedwell, Morris County, September 4, 1799, and was the youngest son of his parents, his brother, Thomas T. Kinney, being fourteen years his senior. Mr. Kinney's early instruction was received under the direction of his father, a man of culture, who made him a constant companion, and who, while serving as colonel in the War of 1812, took the lad at the age of thirteen in the field, where he frequently did service as dispatch bearer. It was the father's intention to train him for the army, and he was accordingly sent to the Military Academy at West Point. His father died soon after the lad's admission to that institution, and his mother, a woman of unusual force of



character, believing him to be possessed of talents which must insure success in one of the learned professions or in literary work, removed him and placed him under the instruction of classical and mathematical teachers of the highest repute, with whom he enjoyed all the advantages of a collegiate course. He afterward studied law, first in the office of his brother, Thomas T. Kinney, and then with his cousin, Joseph C. Hornblower, subsequently chief-justice.

Mr. Kinney early displayed great ability as a public speaker. It was predicted that he would be distinguished as an eloquent advocate at the bar, but his tastes were in the direction of general literature and metaphysics. In 1820 he became editor of the *New Jersey Eagle*, a weekly newspaper in Newark, in which position he remained until 1825, when he went to New York to pursue more advantageously his favorite studies. About this time the New York Mercantile Library was established and in it he took a very active part, being appointed its librarian, a position that brought him in contact with the most prominent publishers of the city. Among them were the Harper Brothers, who placed so high an estimate upon his abilities as a writer and literary critic that he became their adviser in the selection of books and manuscripts for publication. He applied himself so closely to study that his health was somewhat impaired, and relaxation and a change of surroundings became imperative. Accordingly he returned to Newark, where he assumed the management of the *Daily Advertiser*,

then the only daily newspaper published in New Jersey. He united with it, as its weekly issue, the *Sentinel of Freedom*, a long-established weekly, and to the paper he gave a literary tone so high that it was said of him that his criticisms had more influence on the opinions of literary men than those of any other journalist of the day.

Though always active and influential in every good work Mr. Kinney never was desirous of holding public office or posts of honor. He was elected a trustee of the College of New Jersey at Princeton in 1840, and was also, in the same year, chosen a delegate to the Republican National Convention, but declined to act in that capacity. In 1844 he was elected a delegate-at-large with the late Chancellor Green to the Baltimore Whig Convention, where the earnestness of his persuasive eloquence was largely instrumental in securing the nomination of his friend, Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, as a candidate for the vice-presidency with Mr. Clay as president. He was nominated for Congress by the Whig convention of the fifth district of New Jersey in 1843, very much against his wish, but was induced to accept the honor as a political duty. The Democrats coalesced with the Independents, and after a very bitter contest their candidate was elected.

Mr. Kinney was appointed United States minister to Sardinia in 1851, a position for which he was admirably fitted, and in which he rendered important service.

At about the close of the Civil War Mr. Kinney

returned with his family to New Jersey, and thereafter led a retired life, chiefly occupied in literary work. At the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Newark, in May, 1866, he delivered the oration in the First Presbyterian Church, which was not only a historical review, but a eulogium upon the virtues of the Puritans, the early settlers of the city. It is an interesting and valuable paper, and was printed in the proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, under whose direction the celebration was conducted. He continued to labor for a considerable period after this. But his strength began eventually to fail, and his latter years were marked by protracted bodily suffering. He died October 21, 1880. He was an earnest Christian, and during his long and useful career displayed the loftiest attributes of true American manhood.

Mr. Kinney's first wife, Mary Chandler, of Elizabeth, died in 1841, leaving one son, Thomas T., whose sketch follows. He married, second, Elizabeth Clementine, daughter of David L. Dodge and the only surviving sister of the late Hon. William E. Dodge, of New York, and the mother by her first husband (Edmund B. Stedman) of Edmund Clarence Stedman, the poet.

**T**HOMAS TALMADGE KINNEY, only son of William Burnet Kinney, was born in Newark, August 13, 1821, and was named after his uncle, whose middle name, Talmadge, was given him in compliment to General Benjamin Talmadge, of Revolutionary fame. He obtained his early education in the Newark Academy and his preparation for a collegiate course in the classical school of Rev. William R. Weeks, D. D., and was graduated from the College of New Jersey at Princeton in 1841. Among his classmates were the late Francis P. Blair, ex-Vice-Chancellor Amzi Dodd, Judge John T. Nixon, and others who became distinguished as jurists and men of letters. Mr. Kinney manifested such fondness for the natural sciences during his college course that the attention of Dr. Joseph Henry, professor of these sciences, was attracted toward him, and in his senior year he was chosen by Professor Henry for an assistant. The intimacy thus formed ripened into a lifelong friendship. The degree of A. M. was in due course conferred upon him.

Mr. Kinney read law in the office of Hon. Joseph P. Bradley, and in 1841 was admitted to the bar, but never availed himself of his privileges as a lawyer. Upon the retirement of his father from the editorship of the Newark *Daily Advertiser*, in June, 1851, the son, though still young, assumed the editorial chair and management. Without special experience he adapted himself to the work thus undertaken with



THOMAS T. KINNEY.





marked ability and success. Thinking always of the high character of the paper, Mr. Kinney neglected nothing that could render it more useful or make it more acceptable to its readers. He gave great attention to newsgathering, and was instrumental in inaugurating a system which culminated in the organization of the Associated Press. In 1860 he purchased the property on the southeast corner of Broad and Market Streets. Adapting the three buildings on the site to his purpose, and introducing every modern improvement in the newspaper and printing enterprise, he thither removed his establishment, and there the *Daily Advertiser*, enlarged and improved in appearance, was subsequently printed.

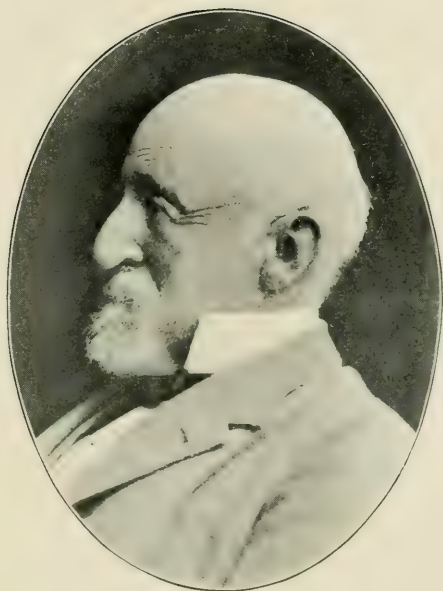
Mr. Kinney possessed a vigorous constitution and great self-control, and never lost his fondness for the natural sciences so strongly manifested in early manhood. He conducted the *Daily Advertiser* until about 1895, when he retired. He was always a stanch Republican, and when James G. Blaine was secretary of state Mr. Kinney was offered the position of United States minister to Germany, but declined the honor.

Although Mr. Kinney took great interest in the financial, industrial, and political movements of his time, he never sought or accepted a nomination for public office. In patriotic, beneficent, and scientific organizations, however, he was active. He was one of the projectors of the Newark Board of Trade, which he represented as a delegate in the convention that organized the National Board of Trade in Phil-

adelphia. He was also a founder and president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, one of the organizers and for a long time a trustee and active manager of the Asylum for Indigent Deaf and Dumb Children of the State, a member of the State Board of Geology, and of the State Board of Agriculture, being president of the latter body from 1878 to 1882. In 1860 he was a delegate to the Chicago convention of 1860, and labored earnestly for the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for president. He was a director of the National State Bank of Newark, the Newark Ice Company, and the Stephens & Condit Transportation Company, one of the oldest stockholders in the Morris and Essex and the Lackawanna Railroad Companies, one of the founders of the East Jersey Water Company, and associated with other public and corporate interests. He was one of the founders of the Newark Electric Light and Power Company and of the Fidelity Title and Deposit Company, of which he was president from its origin. He was also a member of the Board of East Jersey Proprietors and a hereditary member of the Society of the Cincinnati in New Jersey.

Mr. Kinney died December 2, 1900. He married Miss Estelle Condit, of the well known Newark family of that name, who survives him, together with one son, William B. Kinney, and three daughters: Mrs. W. Campbell Clark, Mrs. Carroll Phillips Bassett, and Mrs. Frederick Frelinghuysen.

William Burnet Kinney, the son, was born in New-



CORTLANDT PARKER





ark, April 30, 1872, was graduated from Princeton College in 1894, read law with McCarter, Williamson & McCarter, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1896. He married, June 8, 1901, Helen M. Murphy, daughter of Governor Franklin Murphy.

**C**ORTLANDT PARKER, LL.D., has for years stood at the head of the New Jersey bar. His first ancestor in the colony, Elisha Parker, came from England about 1634. His son, also named Elisha, married in Barnstable, Mass., in 1657, a sister of Governor Hinckley, and about 1670 came to Woodbridge, N. J. Elisha, son of the second Elisha, became prominent in Middlesex County, being high sheriff, afterward representing that county in the Legislature, and in 1711 becoming a member of the Governor's Council. Although not a lawyer he was selected by the governor as one of the keepers of the Great Seal. John Parker, a son of the last named Elisha, was also a member of the Governor's Council, while James Parker, son of John and a great-grandson of the original Elisha, was likewise one of the Governor's Council, and was distinguished in the colony, serving as a captain in the French and Indian War and holding several offices of honor. James was a member of Governor William Franklin's Council in the stormy times preceding the Revolution. His son, James, Jr., father of Cortlandt, was a leader

in church and State, being for more than twelve years a member of the Legislature, for four years a congressman, a founder of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, and one of the commissioners to settle the boundary line between New York and New Jersey. He took great interest in the Episcopal Church, of which he was a consistent member. He was, to the end of his long life, a delegate to the annual diocesan conventions in New Jersey, from Saint Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, of which, like his father and grandfather, he was warden for many years. He was a leading member of the constitutional convention of 1844, chairman of the committee on rights and privileges, draughtsman of the bill of rights incorporated in the organic law adopted by that body, and author of the section in the constitution perpetuating the use of the school fund. He lived a useful life for ninety-two years. He was born March 1, 1776, was graduated from Columbia College in 1793, and died April 1, 1868. He had three sons: James, a distinguished lawyer and jurist of Cincinnati, O., who died in 1861; William, a civil engineer of high character and superintendent of the Panama Railroad, who died at Aspinwall, Central America, in 1868; and Cortlandt, the eminent lawyer of Newark.

Cortlandt Parker, the youngest of these three sons, was born in Perth Amboy, June 27, 1818. He attended the schools of his native town, and in 1832 entered Rutgers College at New Brunswick, where he was graduated in 1836, being first honor man and

valedictorian of his class. In his class were Joseph P. Bradley and Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, the former of whom became associate-justice of the United States Supreme Court, and the latter attorney-general of New Jersey, senator, and secretary of state; William A. Newell, governor of this State, a congressman, and afterward governor of Washington Territory; and others distinguished in church and State. After graduation Mr. Parker entered the office of Theodore Frelinghuysen, uncle and adoptive father of his friend and fellow-graduate, also a student in the same office. He completed his studies in the office of Amzi Armstrong, and was licensed as an attorney in 1839 and as a counsellor in 1842. He opened an office in Newark, and has remained ever since in that city, confining himself to the practice of law.

The time was most unpropitious for the young lawyer; business of all kinds was prostrated; money was scarce; the great mercantile and manufacturing interests of the city and country were ruined by the bankruptcy of all classes. But Mr. Parker persevered and soon became surrounded by numerous appreciative and admiring clients. His former fellow-students, who came with him from college to Newark, worthy antagonists, became his friendly rivals, and they were obliged to meet old and more experienced lawyers, who had become intrenched in the confidence of the community by their commanding intellect and long experience before they came to the

bar. He did not wait very long; his success was slow for eight or ten years, but he soon measured swords in the legal arena with older competitors, and in a few years stood side by side with lawyers who preceded him by several years.

He was not only successful as a trial lawyer, but also distinguished himself by his arguments before the higher tribunals, where success was gained more by close, logical arguments submitted to the keen scrutiny of judges, whose judgments are required to be calm and dispassionate. His status as a lawyer was soon established, and in a very few years he was retained on one side or the other of almost every important cause tried at the Essex circuit. His labors as a lawyer were not confined to Essex County, but his services were sought by clients in every county in the State save two, and of later years there has hardly been an important litigation in which he has not borne a conspicuous part, besides appearing several times in important cases at Washington. These cases in which he has appeared as counsel have been numerous.

Mr. Parker has no peculiar, pre-eminent characteristics as a lawyer. He is many sided, admirably equipped to meet the requirements of his profession; his oratorical ability is great; he can rise to heights of eloquence, he can charm an ordinary audience with brilliant thoughts, storm a jury box with unanswerable logic, or assail them with passionate appeals; he can overcome reluctant judges with a wealth of argument,

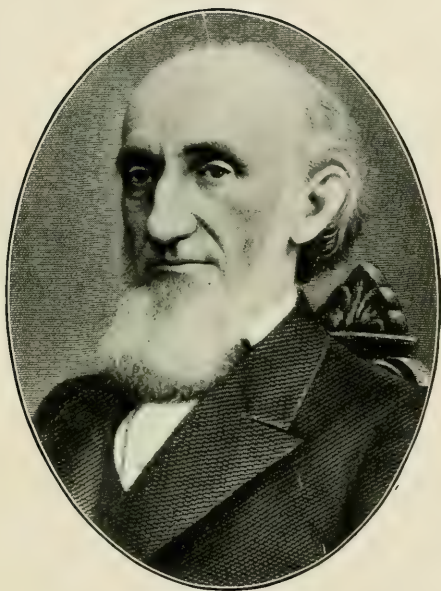
drawn from an active brain. Whenever it is announced that he is to mount a platform, as lecturer or public speaker, he secures a crowded audience and sways them with fervid eloquence. His intellect is of a high order, his learning great, and he has the ability, so indispensable to an orator, to make his knowledge the servant and ready exponent of his persuasive oratory; his diction is of the highest order, pure and classic, yet simple and easily understood; his personal appearance adds much to his power—erect, tall, moulded in many proportions; whenever he speaks he commands attention and respect. Two colleges, Rutgers, his alma mater, and Princeton, each in 1866, conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D.

Throughout his life Mr. Parker has been a leader in politics. He was foremost in counsel and in action in shaping the policy of the Republican party in New Jersey, and during the Civil War was an intense, loyal, and effective supporter of the Union, upholding with voice and pen the president and Congress in every measure. No one in New Jersey surpassed him in energetic action to suppress secession, and lead public opinion safely through the perils of the Rebellion and reconstruction. His voice and pen were always busy, and he was always in the advance, framing public sentiment. At the same time he has always been and is a leader in the Protestant Episcopal Church, both in his State and diocese and in the Union. Scorning political chicanery, though often nominated for high office, he has only once been an officeholder, and has



declined judicial appointments of the highest character and membership of the House of Representatives when against his will put in nomination, and foreign missions to Russia and Austria. Like his father, who was one of the commissioners to set the boundary between this State and New York, he was appointed as one of the commissioners to settle the boundaries of New Jersey and Delaware, and with two distinguished judges of the Supreme Court he was a reviser of the State's laws. A number of Mr. Parker's public addresses are in print, though never delivered with that expectation. Besides being public prosecutor during the Civil War, he has held no other office, though several times the candidate of a large section of his party for the United States Senate.

It is not alone in the law that Mr. Parker has achieved distinction. He has written much, and has always been a reader of the better class of works. As an old and active member of the New Jersey Historical Society his papers, often read at its meetings, adorn the pages of its publications. He has been president of the National Bar Association, before which he has delivered important addresses. The educational interests of the State have also received his attention, and the prosperity of her citizens has been advanced by his efforts, notably in the general railroad law.



AMZI DODD



**A**MZI DODD, LL.D., the first vice-chancellor of New Jersey and from 1882 until recently president of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, was born in what is now the Township of Montclair, then part of the Township of Bloomfield, Essex County, N. J., March 2, 1823. He is the second son of Dr. Joseph Smith Dodd and Maria Grover, and a lineal descendant of Daniel Dod, an English Puritan, who emigrated to America about the year 1646, and in company with other immigrants helped to form a settlement at Sagus (now known as the City of Lynn), a thriving seaport on Massachusetts Bay. This his earliest American progenitor died prior to 1665, leaving four sons, all in their minority, the eldest of whom was, after his father, named Daniel. While yet under age he joined the colony of Rev. Abraham Pierson, who founded the town of Newark in 1666, and to him a home lot was assigned in the neighborhood of what was for so many years known as the "Stone Bridge." His son, John, and grandson, John, were all, in a direct line, ancestors of Dr. Joseph Smith Dodd, father of Amzi Dodd, and in their times were men of mark. Dr. Dodd was born in Bloomfield, N. J., January 10, 1791, was graduated from Princeton College in 1813, and commenced the practice of medicine in his native place in 1816. He was a skillful physician, and a man widely esteemed and respected. He was elected to the State Senate in 1842, and was largely instru-

mental in establishing the State Lunatic Asylum. He died September 5, 1847.

Amzi Dodd was carefully educated at home and at the Bloomfield Academy, and in 1839 was so well advanced in his studies that he found no difficulty in securing admission to the sophomore class at the College of New Jersey, his father's alma mater. In 1841 he was graduated with the highest honors, being chosen to deliver the Latin salutatory at the commencement in September of that year. Among his classmates who have risen to distinction may be mentioned the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, the eminent Brooklyn divine; the Rev. Duffield, of Princeton University; General Francis P. Blair, late of Missouri; John T. Nixon, United States District Judge; Rev. Dr. Potter, of Ohio; Professor A. Alexander Hodge; the Hon. Craig Biddle, and others in legal and ministerial life.

During the ensuing four years after leaving college Mr. Dodd was engaged in teaching, principally in Virginia, but, intending to become a lawyer, read law diligently, and gave his vacations to acquiring a practical insight into its intricacies by service in the office of Miller & Whelpley, prominent lawyers at Morristown, N. J. In January, 1848, he was licensed an attorney and admitted to the New Jersey bar, and afterward became associated in business with the Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, then an eminent practitioner at the bar and later secretary of state of the United States. In 1850 Mr. Dodd severed this con-



nection to devote himself to the duties of the office of clerk of the Common Council of Newark. For three years he held this position, maintaining his own law offices, and attending to such practice as came his way. This finally grew to such volume that he resigned his office the more fully to devote himself to professional work. Early connection with corporation and fiduciary affairs led him largely into legal departments calling for judicial rather than forensic powers. Although occasionally taking part in litigated cases in court, he was far less inclined to jury trials than to arguments to the bench, in which his intellect and also his temperament found more congenial exercise.

Mr. Dodd early developed ability as a public speaker. His first effort of importance was a Fourth of July oration, delivered in the First Presbyterian Church at Newark in 1851. "His panegyric upon Washington fell from his tongue deep into every heart, and for many a day the young orator's name was on every lip." Later efforts about this time were a literary address at commencement at Princeton, and a discourse before the Essex County Bible Society, of which he was President. Opposed to the extension of slavery to the Territories, he was one of that resolute little band of anti-slavery men who raised their voices in loud protest against the movement in its favor, and as a "Freesoiler" aided in the formation of the Republican party and became an active champion of its principles. In 1856 he was selected to lead the fight in Essex and Hudson Counties, being chosen as

the Republican nominee for Congress. In this campaign, as well as in that of 1860, which resulted in the election of Lincoln, he won new laurels as an orator. In 1863 he was elected by the Republicans of Essex County to the New Jersey Legislature, but declined a second term. Brilliant, logical, and powerful as an orator, he might, had he so willed, have achieved forensic distinction equal to that of his most gifted contemporaries. There was that in his nature, however, which inclined him to the rôle of counsellor rather than to that of advocate; and while gracefully yielding to the calls made upon him to deliver lectures before lyceums and institutions of learning, and to greet his old classmates at Princeton in an anniversary oration, he gradually relinquished his public oratorical efforts, the more completely to devote himself to the demands of professional work.

In 1871, when the business of the Court of Chancery became so pressing that Chancellor Zabriskie was obliged to ask for the appointment of a vice-chancellor, Mr. Dodd was selected for the position. In the delicate and important work thus assigned to him he was engaged continuously until 1875, when he resigned. In 1872 he was nominated by Governor Parker, and confirmed by the Senate, as one of the special justices of the Court of Errors and Appeals, the highest judicial tribunal in the State.

In 1881 Judge Dodd was again called to serve the State as vice-chancellor, taking the office at the request of Chancellor Runyon; but in the following

year he resigned this position, and also his seat upon the bench of the Court of Errors and Appeals, being moved to do so by the pressure brought to bear upon him to accept the presidency of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark—a corporation with which he had been officially connected as mathematician for nearly twenty years. In this office he succeeded his friend, Lewis C. Grover, who had resigned. In 1875 Judge Dodd was appointed a member of the New Jersey Board of Riparian Commissioners by Governor Bedle, and held that position until April, 1887. In 1876 the Supreme Court of the State appointed him one of the managers of the New Jersey Soldiers' Home. In this service—a gratuitous one—he has continued to the present day, laboring with zeal and scrupulous fidelity in the interests of these veteran wards of the State. It is a noteworthy circumstance that, though of pronounced Republican political views, the several public offices he has held have been by appointments received from Democratic administrations, and, it is to be added, unsolicited on his part.

In 1874 he received the degree of LL.D. from his alma mater. Judge Dodd's active and useful life has been absolutely free from sensational attempts to arrest public attention and singularly devoid of ostentation, yet no man in the State is better known, more highly respected, or more popular. His entire career has been marked by uprightness and sincerity of pur-

pose; devotion to duty and zeal in the public interest have signalized every step of his advance.

Judge Dodd was married, in 1852, to Miss Jane Frame, a daughter of William Frame, of Bloomfield. He resided in Newark until the summer of 1860, when he removed to his present home in Bloomfield. His domestic life has been a delightful one, and the social position of his family has been second to none. Of the nine children of the marriage three daughters and three sons are living. The eldest, Julia, is the wife of the Rev. H. B. Frissell, D. D., principal of the Hampton (Va.) Normal and Agricultural Institute, the able successor of General Armstrong, its famous founder. One of his daughters, Caroline, is the wife of Leonard Richards, a New York merchant, and the third, unmarried, resides with her parents. One of the sons, William S. Dodd, is a lawyer. Another, Edward Whelpley Dodd, is in business. The third, Joseph Smith Dodd, is a practicing physician.

**J**OSEPH COULT, of Newark, whose long and active career at the bar has brought him into prominence throughout the State, was born in Frankfort, N. J., on the 25th of May, 1834, being the youngest in a family of ten children. He is descended from an early Connecticut family who moved into New Jersey about the middle of the eighteenth century and originally settled in

Sussex County, where his father was a successful farmer and an influential citizen.

Mr. Coult prepared for college in the common and classical schools of his day. But a collegiate course was abandoned, much against his cherished hopes and ambitions. In 1858 he became a student in the law office of the late Hon. Thomas N. McCarter, then of Newton, Sussex County. Later he entered and was regularly graduated from the Albany (N. Y.) Law School, and upon his admission to the bar of that State in 1858 he began active practice in New York City. In 1861 he was admitted to the New Jersey bar, and he at once opened an office in Newton, where he practiced successfully for thirteen years. In 1874 he removed to Newark, where he has since resided and followed his profession, and where for a time he was a partner of his distinguished preceptor, Hon. Thomas N. McCarter. Subsequently he formed a copartnership with James E. Howell, who had been a student in his office in Newton, and with him organized the law firm of Coult & Howell, now one of the oldest, best known, and most successful in the State.

Mr. Coult served as prosecutor of the pleas for Sussex County for a time. From 1884 to 1892 he was city counsel of the City of Newark, and it was largely due to his efforts while acting in this capacity that the new and present water supply for Newark was accomplished. It was also mainly due to his efforts and personal direction that the law known as the "Martin Act" was passed, for which he prepared



the original draft, working incessantly to secure its passage by the Legislature. By its operation many cities of the State were relieved from burdensome indebtedness. He has always been a Republican, has represented his party in several important political conventions, both State and national, and was a delegate to the Baltimore convention, in which Lincoln was for a second time nominated for President; to the Philadelphia convention, which nominated General Grant for that office; and to the Cincinnati convention, which gave the presidential nomination to Rutherford B. Hayes. A recent writer has said of him:

Mr. Coult is properly placed among the most sagacious and reliable lawyers in New Jersey. A man of rare legal attainments, courteous, dignified, and honest, his great force of character and unerring grasp of fundamental principles make him a powerful advocate. He has few equals as a counsellor, and of late years he has often been called upon to act as counsel by prominent lawyers who recognize his special powers. As a citizen he is highly esteemed and universally respected, and takes a lively interest in all public affairs.

He married, in May, 1859, Miss Frances A., daughter of Joseph A. Osborne, of Frankfort Township, Sussex County. They have four children: Margaret, Eliza, Lillian, and Joseph, Jr.



GILBERT COLLINS



**G**ILBERT COLLINS, of Jersey City, justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, was born in Stonington, New London County, Conn., August 26, 1846. His parents were Daniel Prentice Collins (born in 1813 and died in 1862) and Sarah R. (Wells) Collins. He descends in the paternal line from a family originally resident in Kent, England. His great-great-grandfather was Daniel Collins, who married Alice Bell. His great-grandfather, also named Daniel Collins (1732-1819), lived in Stonington, entered the service of the colonies against Great Britain as early as 1775, and was first lieutenant in the First Regiment of the Connecticut line, formation of 1777; he married Anne Potter. The grandfather of Judge Collins was Gilbert Collins (1789-1865), who for several terms was a member of the Connecticut Legislature, and who married Prudence Frink. On his mother's side Judge Collins descends from the Wells Family of Connecticut.

His father was engaged in the manufacturing business in Stonington, where he died while the son, then only sixteen years old, was preparing for college. This event compelled Judge Collins to abandon his purpose of pursuing a collegiate course, and the family, consisting of his mother, himself, and one sister, removed soon afterward to Jersey City. He entered, in 1865, the office of Hon. Jonathan Dixon.

He was admitted to the bar as an attorney in Feb-

ruary, 1869, and as a counsellor in February, 1872. On the 1st of January, 1870, he became Mr. Dixon's law partner, a relationship in which he continued until the latter's elevation to the bench (April, 1875). Subsequently he formed a legal co-partnership with Charles L. Corbin, into which a third partner, William H. Corbin, was admitted in 1881. The firm of Collins & Corbin continued until March 8, 1897, when Mr. Collins received his appointment as justice of the Supreme Court.

Among other important professional connections, he was counsel for the Hudson County National Bank, of which he was a director; counsel for the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of which he was one of the organizers and active promoters; and local counsel for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. He was mayor of Jersey City from May, 1884, to May, 1886, having been elected by a union of independent citizens with the Republicans. He was the Republican candidate in his district for State senator in 1880 and for Congress in 1882 and 1888. He was for five years (1888-1893) chairman of the Hudson County Republican Committee. He is a member of the Union League and Palma Clubs of Jersey City, and one of the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

Judge Collins married, June 2, 1870, Harriet Kingsbury Bush. Six children have been born to them.



**J**AMES PARKER, of Perth Amboy, one of the most distinguished citizens of his time, was descended from Elisha Parker, who married a sister of Governor Hinckley, of Massachusetts, in 1657, and later became one of the first settlers of Woodbridge, N. J. His son Elisha was a member of Governor Hunter's Privy Council. He had a son John, born November 11, 1693, who married a daughter of Dr. John Johnston, and served in the Council from 1719 until his death in 1732. James Parker, son of John, was born January 29, 1723, was a captain on the northern frontier in the French and Indian War, and was a merchant in New York, residing in New Jersey. He was a member of the Council, mayor of Amboy, one of the Board of Proprietors from whom all land titles came, and a founder of the Episcopal Church in this State. He died in 1797.

James Parker, the subject of this article, was the son of James, and was born March 1, 1776. He was graduated from Columbia College, New York, in 1793, standing second in his class. After graduation he entered the counting house of John Murray, but the death of his father, in 1797, called him at the age of twenty-one to take his place as the virtual head of the family. Having large landed interests to manage, he necessarily acquired an intimate knowledge of the law, for which his sagacious mind eminently fitted him, and this caused him to be generally regarded

as a lawyer, though in fact he never practised the profession.

In 1806 Mr. Parker was elected to the New Jersey Assembly. He was re-elected for eight successive years, and after a year's interval he was elected for four years more, and was again elected in 1827 and 1828. He was a leader in the Legislature and in the State; his independence, integrity, and remarkable intellectual capacity made him exceedingly useful; he was a statesman, a speaker of rare power, and a man of eminent attainments. Many of the best known statutes of the State were prepared by him, and he was among the originators, if not the sole author, of the fund for free schools. The Hon. R. S. Field said of him:

When the history of the great movement on behalf of popular education in our State comes to be written, the first and highest place in it will be assigned to James Parker.

Mr. Parker was originally a Federalist, but not a partisan, and was a leader in measures for the prohibition of the domestic slave trade. As a legislator and as a foreman of the Middlesex grand jury, he did much to help the negro and to protect New Jersey from disgrace. He was one of the originators and until his death a director of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, entering the Legislature in 1827 in order to carry through that enterprise. He was three times appointed a commissioner to settle the boundary between New Jersey and New York—first in 1806, again in 1827, and finally in 1829. In 1824 he was

a presidential elector on the Federal (Jackson) ticket, and in 1829 President Jackson appointed him collector at Perth Amboy. He was elected to Congress in 1832 and again in 1834, and served with great distinction, earning the cognomen of "Honest James Parker" and gaining special honors as a champion of the right of petition and as a guardian of the finances of the government. He was a trustee of Rutgers College from 1825 to 1829 and of Princeton University for a much longer period. For a number of years he was mayor of Perth Amboy. After leaving Congress he became a Whig and later a Republican, and a stanch supporter of the Union and of emancipation. He was a member of the State constitutional convention of 1844, chairman of its committee on rights and privileges, and very active in framing important measures.

In religious circles Mr. Parker was especially prominent, always taking a deep interest in the Episcopal Church and serving it for many years as a delegate to the annual diocesan conventions in New Jersey. Like his father and grandfather he was long a warden of Saint Peter's Church, Perth Amboy. Upon every occasion and in all capacities he exerted the broad, wholesome, and commanding influence of a true American citizen, and throughout his life enjoyed the confidence and respect of the people of the State. No man held a higher place in the esteem of the community.

Mr. Parker died April 1, 1868. He had three

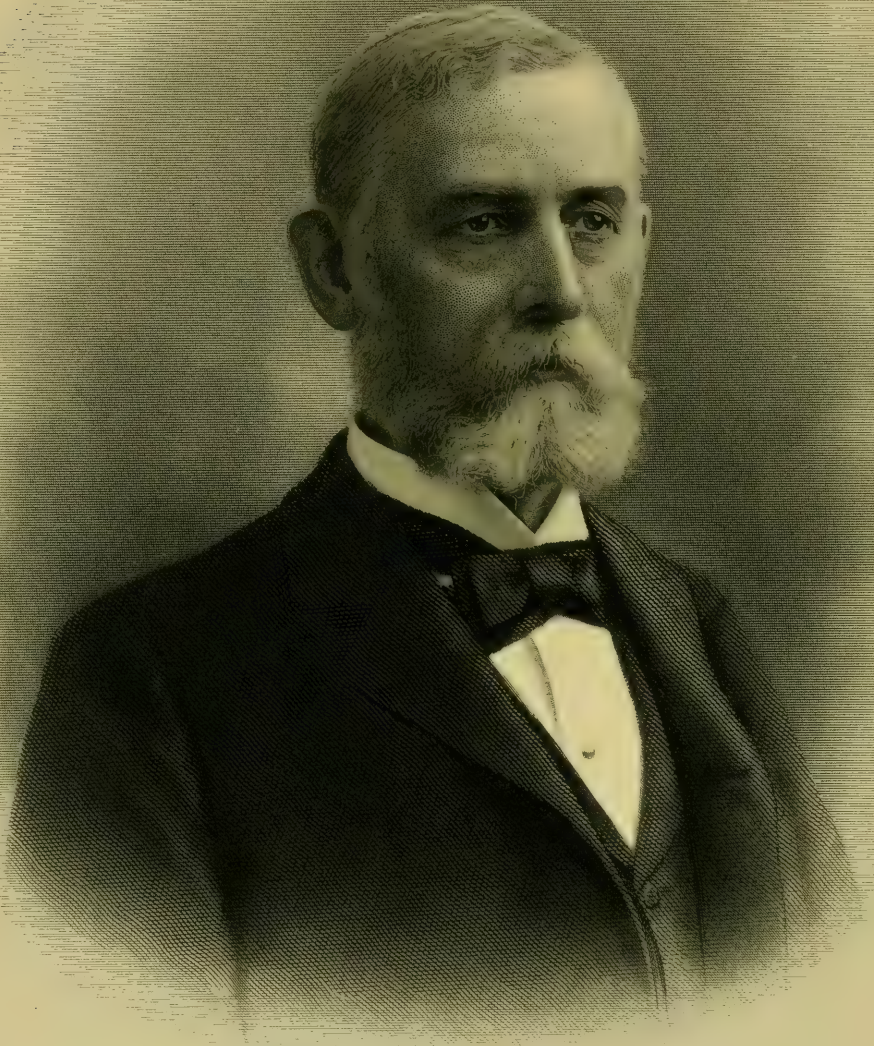
sons: James, an eminent lawyer and jurist, who died in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1861; William, who died at Aspinwall, Central America, in 1868; and Cortlandt, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

**F**OSTER M. VOORHEES, ex-governor of the State of New Jersey, was born in Clinton, Hunterdon County, November 5, 1856. His ancestors came from Holland about 1660 and settled on Long Island. He is the son of Nathaniel W. and Naomi (Leigh) Voorhees. His father, a well-known and widely respected citizen, was admitted to the bar of this State in 1854, but never practiced.

Governor Voorhees was graduated from Rutgers College in 1876. He taught school for a year, and then began the study of law in the offices of Magie & Cross, of Elizabeth. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1880, and at once began practice in Elizabeth, where he soon became a leading lawyer. His political career began in 1888, when he was elected to the New Jersey Assembly, in which he served during the years 1888, 1889, and 1890. In 1893 he was elected to the State Senate and was re-elected in 1896. In 1894 he was tendered the appointment of Circuit Court judge by Governor Werts, and later Governor Griggs offered him a clerkship in the Court of Chancery. Mr. Voorhees declined both honors, as his large law practice and duty to his clients demanded







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his time. In the House of Assembly, in 1889 and 1890, he was the leader of his party, then in the minority, and was twice nominated for speaker. In the Senate he was the majority leader in 1895, 1896, and 1897. For five years he served as a member of the Elizabeth Board of Education (1884-88).

In 1898 he was unanimously chosen president of the Senate, and he served in that capacity until Governor Griggs accepted the attorney-generalship in the cabinet of President McKinley, when Mr. Voorhees succeeded him in the office of chief executive of the State. He received the Republican nomination to succeed himself as governor, and was elected for a full term in November, 1898.

**J**OHN FAIRFIELD DRYDEN, of Newark, United States senator and president of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, is the son of John and Elizabeth Butterfield (Jennings) Dryden, and was born at Temple Mills, near Farmington, Me., August 7, 1839. His ancestors came to New England a few years after the landing of the "Mayflower". He was educated in the schools near his home and at Yale College, which he left on account of ill health before completing the course.

Soon afterward he took up the study of life insurance, with the result that, in 1873, he came to Newark, N. J., and with John Whitehead, who drew the

charter, organized "The Widow's and Orphan's Friendly Society," becoming its first secretary. Two years later (October 13, 1875) he secured the reorganization of this concern under the present name of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, the largest corporation of its kind in the United States. Mr. Dryden continued as secretary of the new corporation until 1881, when he succeeded the late Noah F. Blanchard as president, which position he has since filled. The company's building in Newark is one of the finest, largest, and most conspicuous structures in the State.

Mr. Dryden has also served as vice-president of the Fidelity Title and Deposit Company of Newark, and holds office in other important financial corporations. He never entered public life until 1902, when, on January 24, he was elected United States senator to succeed the late General William J. Sewell, as a Republican.

He was married, in 1864, to Cynthia Fairchild, of New Haven, Conn., and has two children: Forrest Fairchild Dryden, of Newark, and Susie F., wife of Colonel Anthony R. Kuser, of Trenton.



**F**RANKLIN MURPHY, governor of New Jersey, was born in Jersey City on the 3d of January, 1846, his father, William Hayes Murphy, being one of the leading business men of that city. His great-grandfather, Robert Murphy, was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting from Bergen County in the Continental army at the age of seventeen and serving under General Greene.

Governor Murphy was preparing for college at the Newark Academy when the War of the Rebellion broke out. He enlisted in the Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteers and served three years, leaving the army with the rank of first lieutenant. Returning to Newark, he became the founder of the Murphy Varnish Company, now one of the most extensive concerns of the kind in the United States.

He has been an active Republican since he attained his majority. In 1883 he was elected a member of the Board of Aldermen of Newark, and was re-elected to the same office in 1885. In 1884 he was elected to the New Jersey House of Assembly. In 1901 he was elected governor of the State. He has served as chairman of the Republican State Committee, and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and has been president of the National Society of that organization.

**R**ICHARD SUTPHEN KÜHL, of Flemington, N. J., ex-state senator, ex-president judge of the Hunterdon County courts, and one of the most distinguished members of the bar in that portion of the State, was born in Raritan Township, Hunterdon County, N. J., August 23, 1839, his parents being Leonard P. Kühl and Dorothy (Teneyck) Sutphin. He is a great-grandson of Leonard Kühl, who came from Germany and settled in Hunterdon County, and on his mother's side he is descended from patriotic Revolutionary forefathers.

He received a good common school and preparatory education, being graduated from the Lawrenceville High School in 1860. His studies for the legal profession were pursued in Flemington under the preceptorship of Bennet Van Syckel, afterward justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. He was admitted to the bar as an attorney in February, 1864, and as a counsellor in February, 1867, and, engaging in the practice of his profession at Flemington, soon became prominent at the bar.

From 1887 to 1891 Mr. Kühl served as president judge of the Hunterdon County courts, making a record for marked ability and fidelity in the discharge of his duties. An active and leading member of the Democratic party, he was for a number of years one of the members at large of the Democratic State Committee. In 1895 he was elected to the







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State Senate, a position in which he served for the term of three years. As a member of that body he was especially prominent in favoring measures for a more economical administration of county and township governments. In this connection he drafted and introduced an act similar to the statute which has since been passed (1903), reducing the number of chosen freeholders. It was mainly through his efforts that the provisions of this statute were adopted in Hunterdon County.

**G**EORGE HERMAN BABCOCK, engineer, inventor, and philanthropist, was born at Unadilla Forks, near Otsego, N. Y., June 17, 1832, the second child of Asher M. and Mary E. (Stillman) Babcock. The father was a well-known inventor and mechanic of his times, the designer of the pin-wheel motion in plaid looms, of a novel shoe-peg machine, and of many other ingenious and successful mechanisms. The mother, also, was descended from a family of mechanics, her father, Ethan Stillman, having been distinguished as constructor for the Government in the War of 1812, and his brother, William Stillman, as a lockmaker and clock manufacturer. His unpickable bank lock was a pioneer in that line long before the days of Chubb and of Hobbs.

The son was educated mainly in the public schools,

with a year in the academy, and with profitable supplement in the machine-shop and factory. When twelve years old he removed with his parents to Westerly, R. I., and there, at the age of seventeen, he met Stephen Wilcox, a bright young Westerly mechanic, and later a famous inventor. About this time young Babcock, being in feeble health and threatened with consumption, took up the then new art of daugerreo-typy. He recovered his health, as he always believed, through the healing influence of the fumes of iodine used in developing the plates, and the restoration proved to be permanent. Photography never lost its fascination for him, and he continued to practice the art, and was known as a successful and distinguished amateur photographer up to the time of his death. He started the *Literary Echo* in the spring of 1851, when but nineteen years of age, organizing the first printing office in that section of the country, editing the paper as a weekly, and carrying on the printing business at the same time for a number of years. The paper continued in existence as the *Westerly Weekly*. He sold his interest in 1854, and took up the daguerrean art as a business.

In that year he, in conjunction with his father, invented the polychromatic printing press, which only failed of commercial success from the fact of being years in advance of its time. He also patented a job printing press, which was considered a great success at the time. The Babcock presses were built by the Pawcatuck Manufacturing Company, of Wes-

terly, the progenitor of a dozen later press manufacturing firms, scattered throughout the country. The patents were subsequently held by Cottrell & Babcock, manufacturers. The Babcock took a prize at the London Crystal International Exposition of 1855. The father and son next resumed temporary control of the *Echo*, issuing it as the *Narragansett Weekly*. Upon removing to Brooklyn in 1860, Mr. Babcock was engaged for the next three years in the office of Mr. T. B. Stetson, a famous patent solicitor, spending his evenings in the instruction of a class in mechanical drawing at the Cooper Institute in New York.

When the War broke out, 1861, he was employed by the Mystic Iron Works, at Mystic, Conn., then taking up the construction of war vessels for the United States Government. He soon afterward was given the position of chief draughtsman of the Hope Iron Works at Providence, R. I., and in these two establishments designed the machinery of a number of merchant and war vessels. The shrapnel shell, employed during the War in engagements at close quarters, was improved by Mr. Babcock at this time. He also, while at the Hope Iron Works, joined Mr. Wilcox in inventing and perfecting the Babcock & Wilcox safety or sectional tubular boiler. Their boiler was so designed that anything like a real explosion could not occur. The two inventors also brought out at this time the Babcock & Wilcox steam engine, a machine possessing some singularly interesting ingeni-



ous elements of novelty and utility. The firm, Babcock & Wilcox, was formed in 1867, and their first patent was taken out in that year. The boiler thus secured was, in principle, based upon an earlier invention of Mr. Wilcox, patented in 1856. The business of the partners soon became sufficient to enable them to devote their whole time to the improvement and manufacture of their new boiler, and for over a quarter of a century the firm successfully extended its market in the face of competition. Establishments of great magnitude were erected at Elizabeth, N. J., and at Glasgow, Scotland, from which the markets of the world have been for years supplied. The extensive introduction of this boiler and others of its class has reduced the number of explosions correspondingly, and the inventors of the sectional boiler have thus saved to the world lives and property of inestimable value.

Through the operations of this commercial and business arrangement, the partners acquired both wealth and fame. Both made good use of the wealth thus attained. Mr. Babcock for many years gave time and thought and money to the promotion of the interests of the Seventh Day Baptists, the religious body with which he identified himself, and to the advancement of the cause of education, especially on its practical and technical side. He was a trustee of Alfred University, to which he gave large sums during his lifetime and by bequest, and was a non-resident lecturer at Cornell University from 1885 to

1893 in the Sibley College courses in mechanical engineering. His most important papers, mainly on the scientific principles involved in the generation and use of steam-power, and on the best modern methods of boiler construction, were prepared for the last named courses. His last engagement, abrogated by his death, was for a lecture in the spring of 1894. His papers were always well planned, thorough, full of facts and useful knowledge, and elegant in expression in an exceptional degree. His delivery was quiet, but impressive, and he held an audience, whether of college students or of business men, interested and attentive to the end, however long the address.

Mr. Babcock was a charter member and a past-president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and early in the history of the society was made a life-member. He was president of the Board of Education of the city of Plainfield, N. J., where he resided many years. He was president of the Public Library of that city, and of the Board of Trustees of Alfred University. He did much to promote the growth of both the library and the university, not only by official action and personal interest in the management of their affairs, but by appropriation of money from his own capital in liberal amounts. He was a public spirited citizen, and did much to improve his city by the erection of fine buildings and other enterprises for which he was personally responsible.

His activity and influence in the church of which

he was a life-long member were equally marked and effective; and it owes much to his energy, his always live interest, and his personal liberality. Mr. Babcock was a man of culture, of broad and varied reading, and lofty thought. In every relation in life he exhibited those admirable qualities which come of a clear head, a fine intellect, and a good heart. He was an honor to his profession and to humanity. He died in Plainfield, N. J., December 16, 1893.

**N**ICHOLAS PAUL TERHUNE, of Pasasic, was born in that place on the 24th of November, 1835, son of Dr. Garrit and Elizabeth Anderson (Zabriskie) Terhune. He is a descendant through his paternal family of original French Huguenot ancestors, and in his maternal line is of Polish extraction, tracing, as is supposed, from King John of Poland.

The following is Mr. Terhune's paternal pedigree:

I. Albert (Albertse) Terhune, Sr., a French Huguenot who emigrated to America in the early part of the seventeenth century and settled in New Amsterdam, now New York City.

II. Albert (Albertse) Terhune, Jr., born in New York, August 13, 1651, and later settled in Polifly, Bergen County, N. J. He was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church at Hackensack in 1689; a

member of the New Jersey Legislature in 1695 and 1696. (*New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. xi-iv, p. 160.)

III. Richard Terhune, twelfth child of the preceding (by his second wife, Myntse Brickers).

IV. Nicholas Terhune, son of the preceding and his wife, Catherine Kipp. He was commissioned, February 28, 1776, captain of Polifly Camp, Bergen County Regiment, and served as such in the Revolutionary War, the colonel of the Regiment being Teunis Dye. (See N. J. Records at Trenton; official certificate of James S. Keger, deputy adjutant-general; Stryker's "Officers and Men in the War of the Revolution," p. 414; *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. i., p. 164; Records of the Holland Society.)

V. Richard Terhune, son of the preceding and his wife, Rysie Harring.

VI. Dr. Garrit Terhune, son of the preceding and his wife, Hannah Voorhies.

VII. Nicholas Paul Terhune, son of the preceding and his wife, Elizabeth Anderson.

Mr. Terhune received a common school education, and at an early age engaged in business employment as clerk in a hardware store in New York City. Subsequently he was for a period of fifteen years in the hardware business with his brother, Andrew Z., in Jersey City, the firm style being Terhune Brothers.

He then went South, and was for some years resident at Lyttleton, N. C., where he owned a planta-

tion. He returned to the North in 1877, and for most of the time since has been engaged in the real estate business in Passaic, where he is a citizen of the highest standing.

He was married in Passaic, June 15, 1879, to Mary Jane Arthur, daughter of Richard Ebbits and Bertha (Crane) Arthur. Of this union eleven children have been born, as follows: Albert, resides in Passaic; Edward Arthur; George Arthur, married Catherine Conklin, of Passaic; Richard Anderson, married Edith Grossenbacher; Kate Crane; Charlotte May; Emily Louise; Clarence Ebbetts; Elizabeth Anderson, and two who died in childhood, Minnie and Harry Arthur.

Mr. Terhune and his family are members of the First Reformed Church of Passaic.

RICHARD A. TERHUNE, M. D., was born in Hackensack, N. J., January 9, 1829. He began the study of medicine in his father's office, later attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1850. He soon afterward engaged in the practice of his profession in Passaic, where he has since resided. His entire professional career has been passed in that city. He is a member of the State, County, and City Medical societies.

Dr. Terhune has been conspicuous in the municipal affairs of Passaic, having served as president of the



Council when the city was incorporated, and subsequently as acting mayor. He has also held the position of city physician, and was formerly a member of the staff of Saint Mary's Hospital.

He was married in Newburgh, N. Y., June 18, 1861, to Emily L. (Randol) Morrell, widow of Richard Morrell. Children of this marriage: Lillian, died in childhood; Bessie, and Percy.

He is a member of Passaic Lodge No. 67, F. and A. M., Centennial Chapter, R. A., and Melita Commandery, Knights Templar, of Paterson.

PERCY TERHUNE, M. D., son of Dr. Richard A. Terhune, was born in Passaic, February 26, 1867, received his general education in the schools of that city, and was educated in medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City, in 1889. He is a successful physician of Passaic.

Dr. Terhune married Alice E. Tucker, daughter of Joel and Helen Tucker. Mrs. Terhune died in 1888, and two children born to her are also deceased.

#### NOTES ON THE TERHUNE FAMILY.

The progenitor of the Terhune Family in Bergen County was John Terhune, who emigrated from Holland when a young man and settled in Old Hackensack Township about 1720.

He married the widow of Ralph Vandalinda, who owned a large tract of land extending from English Creek to the Hackensack River; and through this alliance he came into possession of some twenty acres, which, as subsequently enlarged, the Terhune Family occupied as their homestead for two centuries. His son Albert succeeded to the property, marrying a Miss Vanderhuff. Their children were John, Cornelius, Peter, Albert, Elizabeth, who married Morris Earle, and Gertrude, who married Samuel Vanderbec of Hackensack. He died about 1808, at the age of eighty-six.

Cornelius, his son, was a shoemaker by trade, but spent most of his life on the home farm. He served in the Revolution under Captain Outwater, and after the war received a pension. An influential and substantial citizen of Bergen County, he was chosen to fill many offices of trust and responsibility. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Hopper of Polifly, October 24, 1786, and had two children, Jacob C. and Jane, wife of Abram Berthof of Hackensack.

Jacob C., their only son, was born in Hackensack, January 8, 1791, and married (November 24, 1810) Elizabeth Voorhis, who died April 18, 1832. For his second wife Jacob married Martha Romaine (born September 26, 1837, died March, 1871). In 1836 he was elected sheriff of Bergen county, an office in which he served three terms. He was a member of the Legislature in 1845-6.

John V. H. Terhune, only son of Jacob C. and Elizabeth (Van Voorhis) Terhune, was born July 24, 1811, and was married, December 30, 1830, to Ann Brinckerhoff, who died July 2, 1880, leaving three sons, Jacob, Cornelius, and John Henry. He was first elected sheriff in 1850, and served in that capacity for three years, also holding other important offices.

**M**ILTON T. RICHARDSON, an old and prominent resident of Ridgewood, Bergen County, was born in Westford, Mass., February 7, 1843, son of Thomas and Mary (Fletcher) Richardson. He is a descendant in the paternal line of Ezekiel Richardson, who, with two brothers, came to America from England in 1630; and on his mother's side is descended from Robert Fletcher, who also became a settler in the New England colonies in 1630. His paternal grandparents were Abijah and Elizabeth (Livingston) Richardson; paternal great-grandparents, Thomas and Hannah (Colburn) Richardson; maternal grandparents, Peletiah and Sally (Woodward) Fletcher.

He was educated at Westford Academy in Westford, Mass., and Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Engaging in journalism and the publishing business, he gradually laid the foundations of a very successful career. Mr. Richardson is

one of the representative publishers of New York City, being president and treasurer of the corporation known as the M. T. Richardson Company. He was one of the earliest to recognize the importance and advantage of establishing high class trade journals in the interest of special industries, and his energies have been largely devoted to this department of the publication business. His firm publishes the *Blacksmith and Wheelwright*, the *Amateur Sportsman*, and the *Boots and Shoes Weekly*, as well as a large number of books on mechanical and technical subjects.

He is a public spirited citizen of Ridgewood, and has taken a conspicuous part in the local affairs of that community. In 1892 he was elected a member of the Township Committee, and upon the incorporation of the village was chosen a member of the Board of Village Trustees, subsequently being re-elected to that office. He has also served for two terms as president of the village of Ridgewood. "In these capacities he rendered most efficient service to the community, bringing to his duties the same energies, ability, and thoroughness which characterize his private affairs."

In early life, while resident in Massachusetts, he was a member of Company I., Sixth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. He is vice-president of the Ridgewood Building and Loan Association; president of the Ridgewood Hall and Park Association; member of the Ridgewood Club, the New York Press Club, and the American Trade Press Association



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(having served as president of the latter organization) ; and members of the Knights of Honor, the Royal Arcanum, and the Masonic fraternity.

He married, first, in 1870, Annie M. Rochford, who died, leaving three daughters: Annie Louise Richardson, Mildred Richardson, and Mrs. H. Dunbar Johnston. Mr. Richardson married, second, in 1896, Anna J. Porter, by whom he has one daughter, Irene Fletcher Richardson.

**W**ILLIAM DIMOND, D. V. S., of Newark, was born in New York City, September 15, 1859, son of William and Catharine (Smith) Dimond; his grandparents being John Dimond, on his father's side, and Charles Smith, on his mother's. In the paternal line he is a descendant of a Huguenot family which during the times of religious persecution was driven from France and settled in Ireland.

Mr. Dimond received his general education in the public schools of New York City and the New York University.

In early life he learned the printer's trade, at which he was engaged for several years. With the means thus acquired he was enabled to enter the American Veterinary College, in New York City, and from that institution he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of D. V. S. After serving as house surgeon and as-

sistant to Professor A. F. Liautard in the American Veterinary Hospital, he engaged (1885) in professional practice in New York City. In the latter part of 1886 he was appointed an inspector in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1887 he was made chief inspector for New Jersey, and rendered very efficient services in stamping out the disease of pleuro-pneumonia, which was prevalent among the cattle of that State.

He resigned his position with the Government in 1889, and removed to Oregon, where he resumed the practice of his profession; but in 1891 returned to New Jersey, and in that city he has since prosecuted an extensive veterinary practice. He is also interested in the livery business.

Dr. Dimond is a man of energetic and popular personal qualities, and his career has been characterized by ability and success in everything he has undertaken. He is active in political affairs, and is one of the leading Democrats of Essex County. In 1898-99 he was a member of the Newark Board of Aldermen; in 1899 was a candidate for the Assembly, and in 1900 for the office of commissioner of the Board of Public Works; and from 1901 to 1903 served as commissioner of excise by appointment from Mayor James M. Seymour. He is a member of the Essex County Democratic Committee, a director of the Lincoln and Seventh Ward Building Associations, and a member of the Jeffersonian Club, the Joel Parker Association, the Gottfried Krueger Association, the Free

and Accepted Masons, the Order of Heptasophs, the Golden Star fraternity, and the Ancient Essenic Order.

He married Emeline Smith, daughter of Charles Smith of Putnam County, N. Y. Of this union five children have been born, Helen, Grace (deceased), Thomas, Catharine, and William, Jr.

**E** DWARD OGLETHORPE CYPHERS, M. D., of Belleville, Essex County, was born in Washington, N. J., August 1, 1865, son of Mark and Elizabeth (Kiefer) Cyphers, and grandson of William L. and Harriet (LeFoy) Cyphers. He is descended from families partly of French, German, and English extraction. The Cyphers Family came to America in the early part of the eighteenth century, settling in Northampton County, Pa. From there removal was made to Washington, Warren County, N. J., where both the father and grandfather of Dr. Cyphers were engaged in business pursuits. Mark Cyphers, father of Dr. Cyphers, was born in that place, July 31, 1830, and died there January 31, 1904. On his mother's side, through the families of Kiefer and Raisley, Dr. Cyphers is a descendant of ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War.

He received his early education in the public schools and High School of Washington, N. J. Deciding to qualify himself for the medical profession,

he entered the Hahneman Medical College, of Philadelphia, from which he obtained his degree in 1893. He has since been successfully engaged in practice in Belleville, and is one of the representative members of his profession in that community and section. He is a member of the staff of Saint Mary's Hospital, of Passaic; of the American Institute; of the New Jersey State Homeopathic Society, of the New York County Homeopathic Society, and of the Essex County Society.

Dr. Cyphers is a prominent and influential citizen, and has served the public as a member of the Township Committee and the Board of Health. He is one of the leading Democrats of his community. He is a member and past master of Belleville Lodge No. 108, A. F. and A. M.; member of Temple Chapter No. 12, of Washington, N. J., and member of DeMolay Commandery, K. T. He is also a member and past regent of the Royal Arcanum and member of the Grand Council, and is past protector of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

He was married, October 27, 1897, to Alice Beardsley, daughter of John Beardsley, and has one child, Edward LeFoy Cyphers.



**A**NTHONY BOWDEN.—For more than eighty years the Bowden Family has been honorably identified with the progress of manufacturing industry in New Jersey. It was in 1819 that John Bowden, father of the present Mr. Anthony Bowden, came to this country from England, and, making his home in Newark, began to operate a cotton mill there. The enterprise thus inaugurated was subsequently transferred to the village of Cedar Grove, where in 1825 John Bowden established a mill and engaged in a successful manufacturing business under the firm style of Bowden & Stanley. He was a man of varied accomplishments, and had an especial talent for music, serving for several years as organist of the old Episcopal Church of Newark, and contributing much to the promotion of a taste for music in the community. In 1826 he purchased of Matthias Williams, of Elizabeth, the old Van Riper farm at Cedar Grove, where he resided during the remainder of his life.

John Bowden married Miss Mary Sidebotham, daughter of a wealthy cotton manufacturer of Cheshire, England, and of this union the following children were born: John, William, Thomas, John (an organ manufacturer in New York City), Joseph (living in Caldwell, N. J.), Mary (deceased), Hannah (wife of Peter Lee), Alice (who married Henry Coulter and is now deceased), Edna (wife of Abra-

ham Jacobus of Verona), and Anthony. The father of this family died in 1857, and the mother in 1868.

Anthony Bowden was born at Cedar Grove, N. J., October 22, 1827. He received his education in the schools of Cedar Grove, now Verona, N. J., and at an early age entered the cotton manufacturing establishment of his father. When about eighteen years old he assumed entire charge of the plant at Cedar Grove, of which he has since been at the head, an uninterrupted business career of nearly sixty years. His product consists of cotton goods of high grade, and his operations are on an extensive scale, the Bowden mills ranking among the representative manufacturing concerns of the State. Mr. Bowden's entire business life has been characterized by the highest personal and commercial integrity, and as a citizen he is held in the greatest esteem.

Aside from his manufacturing interests he is engaged in general farming, owning a large farm which is kept in a high state of cultivation. The homestead, a substantial stone residence, is one of the landmarks of that portion of New Jersey, having been built by the Van Riper Family soon after the Revolutionary War.

He was married, in 1852, to Miss Eliza Stagg, daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca (Jacobus) Stagg, of Verona. Six children have been born to them, as follows: Sarah, wife of Walter C. Bross; Mary, wife of Wilbur Canfield; John, deceased; Josephine, wife of E. E. Taylor; William, and Lewis G.

**C**HURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, Bloomfield.—On the 21st of June, 1876, the Rev. J. M. Nardello was appointed to organize a new parish in Bloomfield under the name of the Sacred Heart. The first mass was offered on the 6th of July of that year in the Archdeacon Hotel, since destroyed by fire, the site at present being occupied by the Hill Building. Work was at once begun toward the erection of a frame church on Bloomfield Avenue, which was completed in five months, the first religious service being held on the 21st of November, 1878. This original structure, having outlived the temporary purpose for which it was intended, is now used as a Lyceum for young men.

Soon after the successful organization of the parish and construction of the church, steps were begun with a view to development on important accessory lines. The Father, realizing the importance of education, commenced in the spring of 1882 the building of a stone school on State Street. This was ready for occupancy in the following September, and a teaching body was installed, known as the Sisters of Charity, whose parent institution is Saint Elizabeth's College, of Convent Station, N. J. Also, in 1883, a large tract of land was secured for a cemetery, which received the name of Mount Olivet, and which has since been beautified by the erection within its grounds of a fine chapel of Grecian architecture.

As the parish grew and flourished the need of a new place of worship became imperative, and wise measures were taken to that end, resulting in the erection of the present magnificent edifice, on the corner of Broad and Liberty Streets, at a cost of \$70,000. The new church was opened in 1892, and in 1894 was consecrated with splendid ceremonies. A memorial chapel, dedicated to Saint Joseph, has since been added, contributing materially to the architectural effect. By degrees during the past ten years the beauty of the interior has been enhanced by costly decorations and paintings, a work of embellishment which has been prosecuted with a refined taste and discrimination.

In 1896 the property in the rear of the church was purchased, the old dwellings standing upon it were removed, and a large and handsome school building was constructed for the better promotion of the educational requirements of the parish. Here the primary grades are taught.

The Church of the Sacred Heart is one of the noblest institutions of this portion of New Jersey, and whatever municipal development may in the progress of time be enjoyed by the village of Bloomfield, it will always rank among the chief architectural ornaments of the community. The parish has grown from a few hundred souls to over two thousand, and the good reflected upon the community in all moral and material regards is beyond calculation. All has been



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accomplished within the brief period of twenty-five years.

**E**DMUND L. JOY, of Newark, was born in Albany, N. Y., October 1, 1835, and was a lineal descendant of Thomas and Joan (Gallop) Joy, early colonists of New England. Thomas Joy came from Norfolk County, England, in 1635, and was among the first landowners of Boston. He was concerned in 1646 with David Yale, Thomas Fowle, John Dand, and others in the "Child Memorial" episode, which was an effort to effect certain reforms and particularly to secure an extension of the right of suffrage among the colonists. With his partner he planned and constructed in 1657 the town house of Boston, described by Samuel Maverick as the "gallant state house", and is credited with planning the Hingham meeting house, the Aspinwall mansion, and the Old Feather Store. In 1665 he became a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and in 1658 a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. From him has sprung a numerous progeny now scattered throughout the United States, which includes many distinguished in professional and business life. One of these was Nathaniel Joy, who served as a "minute man" in the War of the Revolution, and from him is descended the subject of this sketch.

Edmund L. Joy was educated at Anthony's Clas-

sical Institute and the Albany Academy. He then entered the University of Rochester, and after graduation studied law in New York City, and in 1857 was admitted to the bar of New York as an attorney and counsellor. Soon thereafter he commenced active practice in Ottumwa, Ia., where in 1860 he was appointed city attorney, holding that office for two years. At the breaking out of the Civil War, laying aside his law books and briefs, he offered his services to the cause of the Union, and became active in raising troops and otherwise aiding the Government. In 1862 he entered the United States service as captain in the Thirty-sixth Regiment of Iowa Infantry, and in this capacity served with distinction in the Southwest in the campaign resulting in the capture of Vicksburg.

In 1864 Captain Joy was appointed by President Lincoln major and judge-advocate of United States Volunteers and assigned to the Seventh Army Corps, which was commanded by Major-General Frederick Steele. He was subsequently made judge-advocate of the Department of the Arkansas, with headquarters at Little Rock, in which position he had much to do with the administration of justice in Arkansas and the Indian Territory, and took part in the re-establishment of the government of Arkansas under a new constitution.

After retiring from the service he located in Newark, N. J., where his father, Charles Joy, a successful merchant, had settled in 1855. He became as-

sociated with the latter as partner in the management of extensive business interests, being a member of the New York Produce Exchange, and upon his father's death in 1873 succeeded him, conducting the business on his own account during the remainder of his life. Since his death the business has been continued at the old established place as the Edmund L. Joy Company.

It is not surprising that by reason of his intellectual gifts, his superior attainments, and varied experience, he should have attracted the attention and won the confidence of his fellow-citizens in New Jersey. In 1871 he was elected a member of the State Legislature. Re-elected the following year, he filled the important position of chairman of the judiciary committee, wherein his legal knowledge and effectiveness as a speaker enabled him to render valuable service to the State. In 1877 he was elected a member of the Board of Education of the City of Newark, and he held this position until the close of 1888, serving for three years as president of that body. Of the Board of Trade he was an early and active member, being its presiding officer in 1875 and 1876 and its treasurer from 1879 to the time of his death. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and in 1884 and 1885, by appointment of President Arthur, he served as a Government director of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. His extensive business operations and well known abilities as a business man made him prominent in matters

affecting the financial interests of the city in which he lived, and often placed him in positions of great responsibility.

Great activity and energy of both mind and body were the prominent characteristics of Colonel Joy. Whatever he undertook was done with all his might, and failure in any enterprise was with him almost an impossibility. His quickness of apprehension and correctness of judgment were equally remarkable, and if we add to these invaluable possessions the ability to express his thoughts in language both strong and elegant, it is no wonder that he should have been so successful as a soldier, jurist, statesman, and man of business. He was a genial and entertaining companion, a warm and reliable friend, and withal a Christian gentleman, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, mindful of the rights of his fellowmen, and faithful in the service of his Maker.

In 1862 he married Theresa R., daughter of Homer L. Thrall, M. D., of Columbus, Ohio. He died at his home in Newark, N. J., February 14, 1892.

**T**HE MEAD FAMILY.—The following is an extract from a paper in the possession of the New Jersey Historical Society on the early settlers of Pompton Plains, N. J., by Rev. Garrett C. Schenck:

“The tradition is that the Meet or Mead Family



is of English origin, and that the forefathers in time of persecution had fled from England to Holland. The first of the family that occurs on the records is Peter Meet, who, with his son Jan Pieter Meet, emigrated from Amesfort in the Province of Utrecht, Holland, to this country. The particular year in which they emigrated we have not ascertained, but it appears that as early as 1681 and 1687 they were residents of the City of New Amsterdam. In 1689, it appears, the son was a resident of Flatbush, Long Island.

"Who the former wife of Peter Meet, and the mother of Jan Pieter Meet was, is not known. He married, 2d, Gerritje or Gertrude Mandeville, by whom no known children. He died about 1697.

"Jan Pieter Meet married, May 11, 1687, Ghrietje or Margaret Mandeville, daughter of Jillis Janson DeMandeville and Elsje Hendricks. Having with the Mandeville, Berry, and Ryerson Families become interested in the purchase of land in the Pompton Valley, he removed to and settled in about 1698 in the southern part of the Valley called Pacquonac."

I. Peter Meet or Mead, died 1697. He married, 1st, wife's name unknown, and had one son,

II. Jan Pieter Mead, who married Grietje Mandeville, May 11, 1687, daughter of Jillis Janson De Mandeville and Elsje Hendricks. They removed to Pompton Valley, 1698. They had seven children, the third being

III. Jacob Mead, (born January 18, 1693), who married Maritje Monlyn. They had eight children, the second being

IV. Henry Mead (born 1735, died February 11, 1814), who married Maria Jacobus. They had eight (or nine) children, the sixth being

V. Jacob Klyn Mead (born April 26, 1782, died May 21, 1848). He married, 1st, April 28, 1803, Martha Dodd (born October 15, 1781, died February 22, 1838). They had nine children, viz :

1. Louisa, born September 4, 1804, died February 27, 1831.
2. Mary Kline, born October 27, 1806, died March 22, 1831.
3. Sally Dodd, born July 7, 1809, died December 28, 1831.
4. Augustus Henry, born August 5, 1811, died May 2, 1836.
5. Samuel Dodd, born July 3, 1813, died October 15, 1856.
6. Infant daughter, born September 4, 1815, died October 13, 1815.
7. Caroline, born January 3, 1817, died September 20, 1896.
8. Theodore, born May 17, 1819, died August 3, 1895.
9. William Edgar, born October 31, 1822, died September 1, 1894.

V. He married, (2d), April 14, 1839, Phebe Dodd (born March 11, 1794, died December 27, 1854), daughter of Daniel of Amos. They had no children.

3. Sally Dodd Mead married, August 5, 1829, Charles E. Crowley. They had no children.

4. Augustus Henry Mead married, April 8, 1835, Sarah Ann Small. They had one son, said to be living in 1899.

5. Samuel Dodd Mead married Mary Camp Crane (born June 30, 1815, died September 1, 1896), daughter of Timothy A. and Matilda Crane. They had nine children, viz:

10. Mary Louisa, born August 3, 1836, died February 20, 1856.
11. Jacob Kline, born June 27, 1838, died August 29, 1839.
12. Harriet Matilda, born June 17, 1841.
13. Caroline, born July 21, 1843.
14. Jacob Kline, born February 20, 1846, died January 25, 1904.
15. Horace Crane, born October 9, 1848.
16. Sarah Gould, born April 10, 1851.
17. James Ellsworth, born May 3, 1853.
18. Elizabeth Colfax, born May 6, 1855.

7. Caroline Mead married Joseph Doremus (born September 12, 1814, died November 13, 1894), of Montclair, N. J., son of Peter Doremus and Rhoda Crane. They had five children, viz:

19. Sarah Elizabeth, born 1837, died March 15, 1838, aged seven months, twenty days.
20. Martha Mead, born 1839.
21. Mary Kline, born 1848.
22. Sarah Ball, born 1850, died 1857.
23. Caroline Amelia, born August 16, 1853, died October 14, 1892.

8. Theodore Mead married, January 7, 1846, Joanna Mary Dodd (born October 28, 1818,

died November 22, 1875), daughter of Robert Dodd (son of Aaron) and Rebecca Randel. They had five children:

24. Sarah Rebecca, born April 23, 1847.
25. Theodore, born February 9, 1849.
26. Robert Dodd, born May 19, 1851.
27. Thomas Jordan, born October 29, 1852, died November 19, 1858.
28. Louisa Kline, born February 11, 1860, died June 26, 1881.

9. William Edgar Mead married, in 1844, at Bloomfield, N. J., Elmira Crane Taylor, daughter of James W. and Margaret Osborne Taylor. They had six children:

29. Louisa, born March 5, 1846, died July 29, 1846.
30. Charles, born November 17, 1847, died April 17, 1855.
31. Theodore F., born September 7, 1850, died July 4, 1852.
32. Ida Margaret, born May 17, 1853.
33. Clement Laird, born September 14, 1863.
34. Bertha, born October 4, 1865.

10. Mary Louisa Mead married, September 14, 1853, Joseph H. Colfax. They had one child,

35. Mary Elizabeth, born August 31, 1855, died May 1, 1856.

13. Caroline Mead married, May 28, 1863, John LeGrande Schaffer (born November 27, 1843, died January 16, 1870), son of Christian W. and Elizabeth Dean Schaffer of New York. They had two children:

36. Christian W., born July 26, 1864, died August 17, 1869.
37. Samuel, born February 19, 1866, died July 11, 1892.

14. Jacob Kline Meade married, March 2, 1869, Harriet Winslow Johnson (born March 24, 1840, died March 22, 1897), daughter of Aaron Crane and Catharine Wheeler Johnson, of Newark, N. J. They had two children:

38. Katharine Wheeler, born 1870.
39. Mary Camp.

17. James Ellsworth Meade married, October 8, 1879, Juliette Farrington, of Brooklyn, N. Y. They had five children:

40. Joseph Ellsworth, born August 19, 1880, died August 29, 1880.
41. Clifford Ellsworth, born November 19, 1881.
42. Jacob Kline, born December 16, 1882.
43. Wilbur F., born June 14, 1885, died April 24, 1886.
44. Jennie Farrington, born May 24, 1888.

23. Caroline Amelia Doremus married, September 27, 1882, Ira Seymour Crane, (born December 29, 1855), son of Jarvis G. and Henrietta Smith Crane, of Montclair, N. J. They had three children:

45. Henrietta Mead, born December 24, 1883.
46. Joseph Doremus, born August 18, 1885, died September 14, 1887.
47. Ira Seymour, born March 11, 1888.

25. Theodore Mead married, October 3, 1877, Isabella Sault (born May 18, 1856),



daughter of George and Kezia Stackhouse Sault, both of England. They had four children:

48. Mabel, born August 7, 1880, died August 10, 1880.

49. Theodore, born August 24, 1882.

50. Raymond Hinman, born March 19, 1884.

51. Edward Dodd, born August 16, 1890.

26. Robert Dodd Mead married, December 26, 1877, Anna Dow Baldwin (born February 15, 1854), daughter of Robert J. Baldwin, of Newark, N. J., and Anna Dow Baldwin, daughter of Nicholas N. Joralemon of Belleville, N. J. They had two children:

52. Edgar Burr, born December 7, 1879.

53. Louis Kline, born January 24, 1883, died February 17, 1883.

32. Ida Margaret Mead married, October 18, 1872, John Henry Wieman, at Chillicothe, O.

33. Clement L. Mead married, August 2, 1892, Laura Thomson Patterson, at Bellefontaine, O.

34. Bertha Mead married, January 15, 1889, James E. Wikoff, at Columbus, O.

**J**OSEPH EDGAR BEACH, of Caldwell, is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Essex County, N. J., the first of the name having come here in 1717 from New England, where the Beach Family had previously been established since 1634. The following is his line of descent from his original Puritan ancestor:

I. John Beach (known as "Pilgrim John"), born in Derbyshire, England. In 1634, with his brother Thomas, he came to America and settled in the New Haven Colony. In 1660 he removed to Stratford, Conn., and subsequently to Williamsport, Conn., where he died in 1680. He was a citizen of some prominence, and aided in building the first church in Wallingford.

II. Benjamin Beach, youngest son of the preceding, born in Stratford, Conn., March 3, 1673. He was a landowner there, and in 1717, with his wife Mary and eight children, removed to Newark, N. J.

III. Noah Beach, born in Wallingford, Conn., November 15, 1700, died in Essex County, N. J., July 20, 1780, his remains being interred in the Hanover Cemetery. He was married in the Hanover Church, and to him and his wife Hannah were born Stephen (born 1732, died 1791), Nathaniel, Enoch (born 1737, died March 7, 1814), and Peter (born 1740, died January 10, 1777).

IV. Nathaniel Beach, son of the preceding, born 1734. He married, January 30, 1755, Sarah Peck, daughter of Timothy and Phoebe Peck, who were

residents of Morristown, N. J. Mrs. Beach and three of her sons, James, Nathaniel, and Timothy, were members of the Hanover Church. She died May 30, 1811. Children of Nathaniel and Sarah (Peck) Beach: James, Nathaniel, Timothy, Mary, Jared, Lydia, and Nathaniel again.

V. Timothy Beach, son of the preceding. On the 10th of November, 1802, he married Abigail De Camp. Children: David, Jared, Aaron, Timothy, Deborah, and James Harvey.

VI. Jared Beach, born June 29, 1804, died September 2, 1886. He married, November 14, 1833, Elizabeth Canfield (born May 12, 1813, died November 20, 1889). Mr. Beach was a prominent builder, and many of the principal structures in the portion of New Jersey where he resided were erected by him. Children: Judson Irving, Dr. Augustus R., Matthias Owen (an attorney), Erastus Watson, Cyrus Canfield, Jane Eliza, Joseph Edgar, Phoebe E., and Flora Ella.

VII. Joseph Edgar Beach, fifth child of the preceding, and of the seventh generation in descent from John Beach, the colonial ancestor, was born in Caldwell, Essex County, N. J., November 29, 1849. Like his father before him, he has devoted himself to the building and contracting business, in which he has been eminently successful.

He married Mary E. Baldwin, daughter of William and Mary A. (Crain) Baldwin. She died Oc-

tober 2, 1895, leaving one child, Grace (born February 2, 1885).

**S**TEPHEN MORRIS HULIN, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born near Bangor, Me., January 26, 1839, his parents being Rev. George H. and Emeline (Morris) Hulin. He was descended in both his paternal and maternal lines from Puritan forefathers of New England.

Mr. Hulin was educated in the public schools of Syracuse, N. Y., completing his studies at the age of sixteen. Coming to New York City (1857), he learned the printing trade in the office of the *Independent*. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the 13th New Jersey Volunteers, continuing in the service of his country until discharged at the end of the War of the Rebellion in 1865. In 1873 he established at Bloomfield, N. J., the Bloomfield *Record*, which he published until 1880. He was the author of a book descriptive of the town he lived in, which was profusely illustrated and contained much valuable information relating to the history of Bloomfield. On June 16, 1904, he died after a short illness. He was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Bloomfield.

In November, 1865, he was married to Lavinia P. Lum, by whom he had two children.

**P**HINEAS AUGUSTUS MATTHEWS. —Mr. Matthews is one of the representative successful men of Caldwell, and as a citizen enjoys the highest personal reputation. He is a veteran of the great Civil War, with a record for exceptional bravery and also exceptional suffering in the cause of his country, having been twice severely wounded, and as a prisoner of war having endured for a number of months the privations and miseries of confinement in the notorious Libby Prison.

He was born in Whippany, Morris County, N. J., June 6, 1844, son of Edmund and Catherine J. (Tappan) Matthews. Mr. Matthews has a surviving sister, Josephine, wife of Wallace Soverill. His father was a mason and builder. His grandfather, Charles Matthews, was born in Monmouth County, N. J., and served an apprenticeship to the shoemaking trade, but for most of his life was engaged in farming pursuits at what is now Floren Park, Morris County, N. J.

Mr. Matthews received a public school education at Roseland, Essex County, N. J. In August, 1861, at the age of seventeen, he enlisted in the Seventh New Jersey Volunteers. He was with his regiment in many of the most sanguinary battles of the war, including Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, the "Seven Days' Fight," the Second Bull Run, and Gettysburg. Being wounded and taken prisoner, he was thrown into Libby Prison, where he was detained for four



months. Receiving his exchange he rejoined the army, and was at Petersburg, where, however, he was so seriously wounded as to be permanently disabled for service, and he was accordingly discharged (October, 1864).

Mr. Matthews has for many years been successfully engaged as a general contractor at Caldwell.

He is a member of Bartlett Post No. 39, G. A. R., and of the Society of Ex-Prisoners of War.

He married, in 1870, Emma C., daughter of Marcus Y. Baldwin. Children: Wilbur, Louise, wife of C. A. Norbury, Alberta, Charles, Edith, Josephine, Clarence, Russell, Elsie, and Stanley.

**H**ORACE SHERMAN OSBORNE, of Newark, well known from his important enterprises as a contractor, was born in that city on the 10th of July, 1863, son of Henry Frank Osborne, and his wife, Julia Coe, daughter of Aaron and Julia Coe.

Mr. Osborne is descended from colonial forefathers (originally from England), who were early settlers at Connecticut Farms, N. J. The Osbornes were active patriots in the American Revolution, and among the ancestors of Mr. Osborne were two soldiers of the Continental army, whose remains are buried at Connecticut Farms. His paternal grandmother and maternal great-grandmother were daugh-

ters of Joseph Davis of Bloomfield, N. J., who also was a Revolutionary soldier.

Mr. Osborne was educated at the Newark Academy, also pursuing a course at the Stevens Institute of Hoboken, N. J.

His business career has been one of marked energy and success. He is president of the Osborne & Marsellis Company, contractors and dealers in coal, lumber, and building materials. This firm has been identified with large interests in construction work. From 1895 to 1900 Mr. Osborne personally supervised the construction of thirty-five miles of macadam in Morris County, N. J., also constructing the macadam road through Bernardsville from Van Dorn's Mills to Far Hills.

Mr. Osborne is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Newark Academy Alumni Association.

He was married, October 15, 1884, to Nellie, daughter of Riley W. and Mary C. (Ritscher) Bond. They have one child, Horace Bond Osborne, born at Newark, September 24, 1888.

**R**ICHARD BENNETT READING, of Lambertville, was born at Raven Rock, N. J., June 28, 1843, son of George Jackson and Eliza C. Reading. He comes from the old Reading stock of New Jersey, which is descended from John Reading, first governor of that province. On his mother's side he is a descendant of the Swallow Family, among others, whose first ancestors came to this country from Germany. Both the Reading and Swallow families took an active part in the American Revolution.

He received a public school education in Hunterdon County, N. J., and Bucks County, Pa. At the age of nine he obtained employment as water-boy on the Belvidere Railroad, subsequently serving successively as trackman, in the company's blacksmith shop, as telegraph operator, and as station-agent. He still retains the position of station-agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Raven Rock; and in addition he has since 1876 acted as special legislative agent of that company at Trenton.

Besides his connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he is treasurer of the Lambertville Delaware Bridge Company, and one of the directors of the Amwell National Bank of Lambertville.

Colonel Reading has for many years been active in political affairs in New Jersey. He was elected secretary of the State Senate in 1886, continuing in that capacity until 1889. For three years he served as a

member of the Riparian Commission by appointment from Governor Green, being eventually legislated out of office by the Democrats for "partisanship." He has been a member of the Republican State Committee (also serving on the Executive Committee) since 1889; and he has taken part in all the important legislative affairs of the State from 1876 to the present time.

In 1887 Mr. Reading joined Company H., Third Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New Jersey, as an honorary member. He became an active member of the Seventh New Jersey Regiment in 1890. In 1892 he was promoted to the rank of captain, as inspector of rifle practice of the regiment. After serving in this capacity for five years he was appointed assistant inspector-general of rifle practice, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, a position in which he still continues.

He is a member of the Lotus Club of Trenton, the Q Club of Lambertville, the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows, and the Elks.

He married, in 1866, Sarah J. Morris. They have three children: Willard B., Richard B., Jr., and Bertha M.

**C**ORNELIUS H. VAN BLARCOM, lawyer, of Paterson, was born in that place, September 7, 1846, son of Abraham C. and Catherine (Garrison) Van Blarcom. He is a descendant of Captain Johannes Van Blarcom, from Holland, who was a settler at Hoboken in the very earliest period of the colonization of what is now New Jersey by the Dutch. The father of Mr. Van Blarcom was an architect and builder in Paterson.

Cornelius H. Van Blarcom was educated in private schools in Paterson. In early life he was engaged for some twenty years in mercantile pursuits, from which he retired to live on a farm. Deciding, however, to devote the remainder of his career to a professional occupation, he studied law, and in November, 1895, was admitted to the bar of New Jersey. Owing to ill health he removed to New York State, where also (May, 1898) he received admission to the bar. Returning to Paterson he engaged in professional practice there, which he still continues. He also has a law office at Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y.

He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Van Blarcom was married, June 10, 1868, to Fannie J. Ward, of Montgomery, N. Y. Children of this union: Katie (died in childhood), Wessels (paying teller in the Second National Bank of Paterson), Frederick W. (see below), Mary D. (wife of D. Henry Bonner of Boston, Mass.), and Harold.



**F**REDERICK WARD VAN BLARCOM, of Paterson, lawyer and member of the Assembly, was born in Paterson, August 3, 1874, son of Cornelius Henry and Fannie J. (Ward) Van Blarcom.

Mr. Van Blarcom received his early education in private schools, and in the public schools of Middletown, N. Y. He was graduated from the Montgomery Academy, of Montgomery, N. Y., in 1890, and from the Paterson High School in 1892. He then engaged in the study of the law in the office of Hon. Eugene Emly (now prosecutor of the pleas of Passaic County), with whom he continued until June, 1896. Being admitted to the bar of New Jersey as attorney at the June term of the Supreme Court in 1896, he at once embarked in professional practice for himself. He was admitted as counsellor at the June term of 1900. Throughout his professional career he has pursued an active practice, with constantly increasing reputation and success, and he is now one of the leading practitioners of the younger generation.

Mr. Van Blarcom occupies a prominent position in the Republican party, and is regarded as one of the representative men of that organization in Passaic County. He was elected to the Assembly in 1901, 1902, and 1903, serving in that body during the sessions of 1902, 1903, and 1904. In 1902 and 1903 he was a member of the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly, and in 1904 a member of the Municipal

Corporations and other committees. During his first two terms he took a prominent part in opposing the passage of the proposed Passaic Valley Trunk Sewer law, accomplishing the defeat of the measure in the first year and its amendment in important features in the second year.

He is a member of the Mecca Club of Paterson; the North Jersey Country Club of Paterson; Paterson Lodge No. 60, B. P. O. E.; Benevolent Lodge No. 45, F. and A. M.; Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and Blackstone Lodge, I. O. O. F.

He is one of the directors of the Hancock Coal and Coke Company, of West Virginia.

**H**ENRY BAYARD WHITEHORNE, M. D., of Verona, Essex County, physician, was born in Fordham, N. Y. (now a portion of New York City), July 16, 1846, son of Henry Whitehorne, LL.D., and Matilda Watts Cooper, his wife.

Dr. Whitehorne's father was born in Jamaica, Long Island, received his education at Shrewsbury and Oxford, England, and through his long life was engaged in educational work. Previously to the Civil War he was professor of Greek in the University of Mississippi, being obliged to resign his position in 1861 on account of his sympathy with the Northern cause. Subsequently, until his death (September,

1901), he was professor of Greek in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

Henry Bayard Whitehorne received a high school education at Schenectady, N. Y., followed by special courses at Union College. During the war and for several years subsequently he was in the United States Navy, serving as Captain's Clerk on board the *Wyandus*, June 11, 1864, to June 10, 1865, and in the same capacity on board the *Iroquois* and *Delaware*, December, 1866, to December, 1870. On these vessels he made a cruise to China and Japan, being present at the opening of Kobe, Japan, to foreign commerce (June 1, 1869).

Leaving the navy, he entered the Albany Medical College, and was graduated in medicine in the class of 1873. His early professional work was at Albany, where he served (1873) as house physician in the City Hospital. Removing to New Jersey, he soon gained a reputation as a conscientious and skillful practitioner, and he has long occupied an honorable and representative position in the medical profession of Essex County. He has served as visiting physician to the Newark City Home at Verona from 1880 to the present time; visiting physician to the Essex County Penitentiary from 1881 to 1891, and from December, 1900, to the present; and is also visiting physician to the Mountainside Hospital of Montclair.

He is a member of the Essex District Medical Society and the Orange Mountain Medical Society.

**J**OHN J. VAN ORDER, a public official and prominent business man and citizen of Caldwell, Essex County, was born in that community, in 1864, son of Stephen and Emily (McChesney ) Van Order.

Mr. Van Order's paternal grandfather was Jabez Van Order (or Van Orden), who for most of his life was a farmer in Morris County, N. J., but removed to Newark, where he died. Stephen Van Order, the father of Mr. John J. Van Order, was engaged in the general blacksmithing business until 1894. He was then appointed postmaster of Caldwell, a position which he held for six years, retiring at the end of that time. He was born in Montville, Morris County, N. J., but became a resident of Caldwell in early life.

On his mother's side Mr. Van Order is descended from the well-known McChesney Family. His great-grandfather, Major John McChesney, served with credit in the Mexican War, and his grandfather, Judge John McChesney, held the office of associate judge of Essex County, also serving as county clerk, and at the time of his death in 1888 (aged sixty-seven) was justice of the peace.

John J. Van Order was reared and educated in his native place, where he has always resided. Since 1887 he has been successfully engaged in the lumber and coal business.

He is one of the leading members of the Democratic party in his community, and is at present bor-

ough clerk, an office which he has held for a number of years. He has also served as a member of the Board of Education. He is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and of the First Baptist Church of Caldwell.

Mr. Van Order married a daughter of Captain Daniel Bailey, of Sussex County, N. Y. Their children are Robert Bailey, Emily McChesney, John Ferrier, and Elizabeth Brown.

**C**HARLES STEWART FARRELL, of Woodbridge, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 29, 1868, son of John and Margaret Farrell. Both his parents came to the United States from County Derry, Ireland. The son was reared, and received a public school education, in Philadelphia.

He is an active and enterprising citizen of the community in which he resides. Throughout his life he has been interested in politics, as a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He has served the public in the offices of justice of the peace and commissioner of electric lighting, and is at present a member of the Township Committee. In his business affairs Mr. Farrell is identified with the interests of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Port Reading, N. J.

He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the An-





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cient Order of United Workmen, and the A. F. and A. M.

Mr. Farrell married Josephine Berton. Nine children have been born to them: Samuel, Elizabeth, Theresa, Leonie, Gertrude, Charles (C. S. Jr.,) Josephine, Frank (deceased), and Margaret.

**J**OHNN MILLER MITCHELL. — Mr. Mitchell is descended from a member of the oldest and most conspicuous families of New Jersey. He is a grandson of John Mitchell, a Revolutionary soldier, who for seven years fought in the armies of his country. The paternal grandmother of Mr. Mitchell, whose maiden name was Margaret Schoonmaker, lived to the extraordinary age of one hundred and three years. His father was Jacob Mitchell, a soldier of the War of 1812, who was born in 1776 and died in 1855; and his mother was Mary Goble, daughter of Timothy Goble of Somerset County and Mary Morris of Morris County (who was a member of the distinguished Morris Family for whom that county was named). Children of Jacob and Mary (Goble) Mitchell: Jane, William, Margaret, Rebecca, Mary, Hannah, Timothy, and John Miller.

John Miller Mitchell was born in Bottle Hill (now Madison), Morris County, N. J., January 3, 1830. A farmer's boy, he was reared and educated in Morris County, and for much of his life was engaged in

agricultural pursuits, also successfully following the wholesale milk business. He was for about ten years station agent at Cedar Grove of the Greenwood Lake Division of the Erie Railway. One of the oldest citizens of that community, he is highly respected, and his career has been marked by usefulness and wholesome influence. He is a Republican in politics, and has held several local offices. He is now overseer of the poor, a capacity in which he has served for the past ten years. He is a Mason.

Mr. Michell was married, first, in 1852, to Mary J. Putnam, of Rahway, N. J., and second, in 1860, to Jane E. Taylor, of Morristown, N. J. Four children have been born to him, Andrew Webster, Mary Esther, Charles Walter, and Louise Marvin (deceased).

**H**ENRY GORDON BAILEY, of Nutley, Essex County, was born in Jersey City, N. J., May 20, 1856, son of Edmund Beebe and Eliza A. (Minett) Bailey. He is a descendant in his paternal line of New England forefathers, the American ancestor of his family having settled in New London, Conn., in 1640. On his mother's side he comes from an original Irish family, resident in Canada. His a great-grandson of Nicholas Power, the first public printer of the United States.

Mr. Bailey received his education in the public

schools of Jersey City and at Columbia College, New York. He was for two years (1884-1885) assistant engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad, subsequently for one year acting as assistant-engineer of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. From 1887 to 1894 he was resident engineer (in Baltimore) of the Baltimore and Drum Point Railroad. He is at present engaged in business as a diamond merchant.

Mr. Bailey has always taken an active interest in public matters, and as a supporter of the principles of the Republican party is one of the well-known men of his portion of New Jersey. He was formerly (1894) a member of the Essex County Republican Committee. He is now serving the public in the capacity of member of the Board of Education. He is past master of Nutley Lodge, No. 167, F. and A. M.

He married, in Nutley, October 10, 1888, Louise E. Batchelor.

**A**NDREW THOMPSON CONNET.  
—For more than forty years a citizen of Flemington, Hunterdon County, one of the earliest volunteers of the Civil War from that place, and since 1865 an active and successful member of its mercantile community, Mr. Connet is entitled to prominent recognition in the pages of a biographical record of the representative men of his section of New Jersey.



He was born at Water Street, now Brookside, Morris County, N. J., February 4, 1842, son of Samuel and Hannah (Thompson) Connet. On both sides he is of mingled Dutch and English ancestry. His father was a farmer, who at the time of his son's birth and for a few years subsequently lived at what is now Brookside, Morris County, then removing to Lesser Cross Roads, Somerset County, and from there to Readington, Hunterdon County. At the last mentioned place the son received his education. He continued to reside with his parents until 1860, and then came to Flemington, where he has ever since had his home.

During his boyhood and early manhood Mr. Connet was at various times a clerk in retail stores in Readington, Somerville, and Flemington. In April, 1861, immediately after President Lincoln issued his proclamation calling for troops, he enlisted as a private in Company H., Third Regiment of New Jersey Militia. Afterward (1862-63) he was a member of Company D., Thirty-first Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, in which he was successively promoted to first sergeant and lieutenant.

After receiving his discharge from the army he returned to Flemington. Here in 1865 he engaged in the hardware business as a partner with A. V. Bonnell, but in 1866 dissolved this connection to embark in mercantile trade with W. H. Fulper. Subsequently he was associated with William E. Anderson and Peter I. Nevius. For a period of six years he served

as bookkeeper in the Hunterdon County National Bank. Since 1895 he has been transacting a general insurance and wholesale produce business at Flemington. He also owns and successfully conducts a poultry farm at Readington.

In his various enterprises, covering a period of nearly forty years, Mr. Connet has uniformly enjoyed the highest reputation for integrity, occupying a recognized position among the most progressive, public-spirited and substantial citizens of Flemington. He has served the public of that community in the capacity of street commissioner, and is now (1904) president of Building and Loan Association No. 5, of Flemington.

He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion, the Masonic Fraternity, and the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Connet was married, at Stanton, N. J., May 28, 1866, to Joanna S. Nevius, daughter of Abraham D. and Mary K. Nevius. Children: Frederick Nevius, Joanna Nevius (died November 12, 1882), Earle Thompson, and Hugh Irving.

**S**EYMOUR PARKER GILBERT, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in that place, September 14, 1864, his parents being Charles and Eliza (Joyce) Gilbert. The father of Mr. Gilbert was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 17, 1815, and died May 21, 1894. His mother was born in Montpelier, Vt., June 15, 1825, and died March 12, 1903.

Mr. Gilbert was educated in the Bloomfield High School, Coleman's Business College, and the New York University Law School. For the past fifteen years he has been successfully engaged in the coal trade.

He is one of the most prominent citizens of Bloomfield, having always taken a very active part in the local affairs of that community. For four terms (1890 to 1897) he served as a member of the Town Council, and during one term was chairman of that body. He occupied the office of chief of police for a number of terms, and that of tax commissioner for four years, and for fifteen years has been a member of the Health Board. During the past eight years he has held the position of health officer. He has been a member of Essex Hook and Ladder Company for twenty-one years, and is at present its vice-president; and he has served as first assistant engineer of the Fire Department.

He is a member of the Second Ward Republican Club of Bloomfield, the Republican Executive Committee, and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Gilbert was married, December 9, 1891, at Bloomfield, to Carrie Jennings Cooper. Their children are Seymour Parker, Marion Cooper, and Eleanor Carrie.

**J**OHAN G. KEYLER has for nearly half a century been engaged in the undertaking and furniture business in Bloomfield, and is not only one of the oldest, but one of the most highly honored citizens of that community.

He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1832, and the first twenty-one years of his life were passed in his native country. Here he received a good educational training. According to the German custom, he was put to a trade in his youth, serving an apprenticeship of four years to the cabinet-making business, at which he worked in Wittenberg until 1853, when he came to the United States. Locating in Newark, N. J., he was employed for some two years in a furniture manufactory in that place. He then (1856) established at Bloomfield an undertaking and furniture business, which he conducted until 1902, when he was succeeded by his sons, Charles A. and Frederick, under the style of J. G. Keyler's Sons. From the beginning he enjoyed the confidence of the community, and his entire business and personal record has been one of increasing success and unspotted integrity. During this period of nearly forty-eight years he has officiated at some five thousand, three

hundred funerals. Very few men in Essex County can point to a career of such prolonged and honorable activity in a single community. His business is now conducted under the firm style of John G. Keyler's Sons, at 550 to 558 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield.

In 1886 Mr. Keyler, with others, organized the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association, of which he was made president. In that position he still continues as vice-president. In all the relations of his life he has been a man of usefulness, freely devoting his time and energies to the best interests of his community. He has never sought public office, preferring to exercise his influence in private ways. He has, however, served the public as a member of the Town Committee.

Mr. Keyler was married, in 1853, to Miss Margaret Schneider, of Bloomfield. Their children are John D. Keyler, in the undertaking business in Montclair; Charles A. Keyler; William W. Keyler, a merchant in Bloomfield, N. J.; Fred Keyler, now a partner of Charles A.; Eliza M. Keyler, wife of Frank Percy, of Philadelphia; Anna Keyler, wife of Rev. F. O. Cesh, D. D., of Cincinnati, O., and Margaret B. Keyler, wife of Rev. A. K. Staiger, of Atlantic City.



**T**IMOTHY C. LUCAS, a well known business man and influential citizen of the City of Passaic, was born at Boonton, N. J., February 22, 1862, son of the late Charles W. and Mary Lucas. His father was born in Saco, Me., and spent his early life in his native State, but removed to New Jersey, living at Boonton, where he pursued the business of iron moulder. He had ten children, Timothy C. being the seventh in order of birth.

Timothy C. Lucas was educated in the public schools of Boonton. As a young man he was engaged as a salesman in a general store, leaving this occupation to embark in the drug trade, in which he continued for fourteen years. In 1892 he established his present business of undertaker and embalmer. In this his abilities and high personal qualities have secured for him a marked degree of success, and his establishment is now the principal one of its kind in Passaic.

He is a graduate of the Oriental School of Embalming, and member of the Official Board, and is chief usher of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

He is a member of the City Council of Passaic; a director of the Hobart Trust Company; vice-president of Union Building and Loan Association of Passaic; director of Passaic Building and Loan Association; member and treasurer of Passaic Council No. 1092, Royal Arcanum, of Passaic; ex-president of Passaic Council No. 803, National Union; mem-

ber of Benovolent Lodge No. 48, Knights of Pythias; member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and member of the Ben Hur Association.

He was married, January 17, 1884, in Passaic, to Eda O. Smith, daughter of George B. and Margaret Smith.

**B**ERGEN HORACE BERKAW, of Flemington, Hunterdon County, was born in Stanton, Hunterdon County, N. J., October 2, 1859, his parents being John Van Fleet and Aletta (Ewing) Berkaw. His father was for thirty years a merchant at Stanton. The mother of Bergen H. Berkaw was a daughter of Oliver H. Ewing and a grand-daughter of Rev. James Ewing, who came to America from Scotland during the Revolutionary War, and who settled at Hopewell, N. J., where for many years he was pastor of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Berkaw was educated in the public schools of New Jersey and at the State Model School at Trenton, being graduated from the latter institution in the class of 1880. After pursuing the necessary studies to qualify himself for the profession of the law, he was admitted to the bar of New Jersey at the June term of 1885. He thereupon engaged in professional practice in Flemington, and as a young attorney enjoyed satisfactory progress and success.

But in the course of several years Mr. Berkaw's inclinations became directed toward the banking business, and in November, 1891, he entered the Flemington National Bank in the capacity of receiving teller. From that position he was promoted in 1900 to the office of cashier, in which he still continues. His record in the leading financial institution of Flemington has been one of marked capacity, and he has gained a recognized position as one of the principal men of affairs in that community.

He was married, February 3, 1886, at Flemington, to Bessie C., daughter of George W. Abel, late county clerk of Hunterdon county, and has one child, George Abel Berkaw.

**J**OHN W. HUFFMAN, merchant, of North Paterson, Passaic County, was born in Hunterdon County, N. J., March 12, 1838, son of John W. and Julia Huffman, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. His parents died while he was in his childhood, and, being obliged to provide for himself, he was deprived in early life of the advantages of rearing and consecutive education. During this period he worked at agricultural employment, attending school as he was able.

On the 19th of August, 1861, he enlisted in Company D. of the Fifth New Jersey Volunteers. He participated with his regiment in the sieges of York-

town and Williamsburg, being wounded while on picket duty just previously to the siege of Yorktown. After Williamsburg he was detailed to the Sixth New York Battery of Artillery, with which he continued until August 5, 1862, when he received a gunshot wound that incapacitated him for further service. He was sent to the Philadelphia Hospital, and on the 22d of October, 1862, was honorably discharged from the army.

Returning to New Jersey, Mr. Huffman entered the employment of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Company. After more than twenty-five years of faithful service with this company he resigned his position, and in 1900 he embarked in the drygoods business in North Paterson, in which he has since been engaged with success. As a citizen he enjoys a reputation for the highest integrity, and though a man of unassuming character is a useful and influential member of the community.

He has served as marshal of the borough, and at present occupies the office of poormaster. He is a member of Slocum Post No. 55, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Huffman was married, September 10, 1871, to Rachel M. Predmore, of Clinton, N. J. Seven children have been born to them, of whom the survivors are Minnie, wife of William Bamper; Lillie, wife of G. Harman; John, and Margaret.

**M**ELANCTHON W. JENKINS, of Cedar Grove, Essex County, was born in Montclair, N. J., September 28, 1854. His parents, Smith and Caroline (Jacobs) Jen-

kins, were both natives of New York; the former died April 26, 1886, the latter July 6, 1885. Smith Jenkins, though born in New York, spent his boyhood at Short Hills, Essex County, N. J., being reared on a farm. Subsequently he was engaged with success in the shoemaking business, living in Montclair, and he built the first house on Park Street in that village. He was twice married, first to Catherine Wilty, who bore him five children: Moses C. (deceased), unnamed infant (deceased), Harriet L., Oliver, and Charles W.; and second to Caroline Jacobs, the children of this union being Minnie, Anna R., Melancthon W., Hattie, John, and William.

Melancthon W. Jenkins at an early age began to make his own way in the world, pursuing various employments. He learned the painter's trade, in which he was engaged for some time. Removing to Verona, he was occupied there as keeper of the tollgate, but shortly afterward came to Cedar Grove, where on the 13th of August, 1877, he entered the brush manufacturing establishment of Jonathan B. Ward. With this concern he continued as traveling salesman until its works were destroyed by fire.

He then embarked in the brush manufacturing business on his own account, with a very small capital and



no other facilities than such as he was able gradually to produce for himself by dauntless energy and perseverance. At the start he began to make his brushes under a tree, later building a small shed, and by degrees had the satisfaction of acquiring a remunerative trade. He now operates a considerable and well appointed establishment, which supplies a large patronage, extending to a number of States.

As one of the self-made successful citizens of Cedar Grove, Mr. Jenkins enjoys a standing in the community to which his high personal character and sterling qualities entitle him. He takes a lively interest in local affairs, and has held several public offices of trust, in which his services have been marked by a conscientious devotion to his duties.

He is a member of National Lodge No. 102, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

He was married, May 26, 1880, to Mary E., daughter of Jonathan B. and Martha (Dean) Ward. Their children are Mabel W., born May 27, 1881; Lillian M., born June 8, 1883; Edna I., born September 1, 1885; Melancthon Warren, born October 8, 1887; Edward S., born January 18, 1889, and Martha C., born June 19, 1897.



WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN



**W**ILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN, for two terms mayor of the city of Rahway, and one of the most honored and useful citizens of that community, was born in New York City, December 12, 1839, and died at his home in Rahway, November 6, 1897. He was a descendant of the old Chamberlain Family of Monmouth County, his ancestors being among the earliest settlers of that portion of New Jersey.

Mr. Chamberlain was reared and educated in New York City, and there began his active career. During the Civil War he was very successfully engaged in the storage business. He removed to Rahway in 1865, and soon afterward organized a business co-partnership with the late Samuel Ayers, dealing in coal and masons' materials. Mr. Ayers retired, and Mr. Chamberlain continued the enterprise until his death. He was also successfully associated with Henry Weldon as contractor. In all his business interests, prosecuted for more than thirty years in the city of Rahway, Mr. Chamberlain enjoyed not only a marked degree of success, but the peculiar confidence and esteem of the community. He was a man of the highest conscientiousness in all the relations of life, and, with an agreeable personality and much enthusiasm and enterprise in everything he undertook, was indeed one of the best examples of the public-spirited and useful citizen.

In his political affiliations he was an ardent Repub-

lican, but his frequent elections to honorable office were in large measure due to the general esteem in which he was held and the confidence that he would administer every trust for the best interest of the public. In 1870 he was elected a member of the Board of Freeholders, and in 1886-87 he represented the old Third Assembly District in the New Jersey Legislature. He was twice elected mayor of the city (1891 and 1893). His last official position was that of member of the Union County Board of Elections.

He was identified with various organizations in the city and county, and took an especial interest in the Masonic fraternity, being one of the most conspicuous members of St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar. At his funeral services distinguished Masonic honors were paid to him, Past Grand Master James H. Durand officiating on behalf of the various Masonic bodies represented.

Mr. Chamberlain is survived by his widow (daughter of John H. Lufbery), two sons, A. H. and William, and one daughter, Madeline. He is buried in the family plot in Hazlewood Cemetery.





ALEXANDER H. CHAMBERLAIN



**A**LEXANDER HOWE CHAMBERLAIN, of Rahway, son of the late Hon. William Chamberlain, was born in Rahway, November 8, 1864. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, where he has always resided.

Mr. Chamberlain is engaged in business in New York City as coal shipper with the Lehigh and Wilkes Barre Coal Company. He is a representative and popular citizen of Rahway. For many years he has taken especial interest in athletic sports. He was one of the first to bring the bicycle into use in New Jersey, beginning to ride a wheel in 1879. He has been a member of the League of American Wheelmen since 1882, and as captain of the Union County Roadsters was instrumental in bringing that organization to a high degree of efficiency. He is also an expert bowler, and not only has a fine personal record, but by his efforts has greatly promoted the interests of this wholesome sport in the organizations of which he is a member. Under his captaincy the Union County Roadsters' bowling team eclipsed all records in the Wheelmen's League by winning thirty-seven games out of a total of forty-four. He has won a number of gold medals and other prizes in individual competitions.

He is a member of the Rahway organizations of the Royal Arcanum and the Heptasophs, Lafayette Lodge No. 27.

Mr. Chamberlain was married, April 7, 1900, to Miss Helen Isabella Anderson.

**F**REDERICK AUGUST LEHLBACH, of Newark, lawyer and assistant-city attorney, was born in that city, February 2, 1875, son of Hon. Herman and Gertrude Milton (Baldwin) Lehlbach. He is a grandson of Rev. Frederick August Lehlbach, a German Evangelical clergyman who came to Newark from Baden, Germany, in 1849, and until his death was one of the most widely known and beloved citizens of Newark, officiating for twenty-five years as pastor of the German Evangelical Church. On the maternal side he is a grandson of Dr. Milton Baldwin, a physician of Newark and at one time a member of the Board of Aldermen of that city.

Mr. Lehlbach's father, Hon. Herman Lehlbach, (born 1845, died 1904), occupied a conspicuous position in the public affairs of Newark, enjoying throughout his life the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was a surveyor by profession, was a member of the Assembly in 1883 and a member of Congress for three terms (1885-91), and for three years (1893-96) held the office of sheriff of Essex County.

Frederick August Lehlbach received his early education in the public and high schools of Newark, being graduated from the Newark Public High School

in the class of 1892. He then entered Yale University, where he was graduated in the academic course with the class of 1898. Having completed his collegiate studies he pursued the full course of the New York Law School, receiving from that institution the degree of bachelor of laws upon his graduation in 1900.

While attending the law school Mr. Lehlbach prepared himself for the practical business of his profession as a clerk in the office of John O. H. Pitney. He was admitted to the bar of New Jersey as attorney-at-law in November, 1899, and as counsellor-at-law in November, 1902. Since qualifying for his professional work he has been actively and successfully engaged in legal practice, and he is one of the well-known members of the younger generation of the Newark bar. He is a member and secretary of the Lawyers' Club of Essex County. In January, 1903, he was appointed assistant-city attorney of Newark, his term of office running until 1905.

**P**HILIP THOMAS PIAGET, deceased, was a conspicuous citizen of Richfield, Passaic County, being widely known as one of the most successful market gardeners of Northern New Jersey.

He was descended from an old French Family of Neuchatel, Switzerland, many of whose members have served with honor and distinction in both civil



and military capacities. Two of his great-uncles were in the French service during the wars of the great Napoleon, one of them being a captain in the Emperor's body-guard. The Piagets are still prominent in the town and canton of Neuchatel.

The parents of Philip T. Piaget were Henry F. and Ann Sophia (Rogers) Piaget. His father was born in Neuchatel and lived there until 1818. He then went to London, England, where he was married and where his eldest two children (Henry, who died in infancy, and Alfred W., now a well known citizen of Paterson) were born. In 1832 the family removed to the United States, and he engaged in the jewelry and watchmaking and importing business in New York City, meantime residing in Brooklyn. In 1839, owing to ill health, he discontinued his mercantile business and removed to a farm at Great Notch, Passaic County, N. J. He lived at the latter place for ten years, when, his health being restored, he returned to New York and resumed his former business pursuits. He died in 1883. He was a man of marked accomplishments, patented several watchmaker's tools, and was the author of three books on horology. His family consisted of the following children who grew to maturity: Alfred W., of Paterson; Francis H., of Montclair; Frederick A., of Newark; Henry V., of Passaic; Philip T., of Richfield (deceased); Louis A., of Paterson; and Sophia H., widow of Robert W. Peach, of Newark.

Philip Thomas Piaget was born at Great Notch,

N. J., December 13, 1839. He received a public school education, upon which he improved by his own efforts, being a man of large native ability and great force of character. He was an enlisted soldier in the War of the Rebellion, serving in the Twenty-Third New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. Having a native taste for country life, he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, in which he was eminently successful. Soon after the war he purchased the large farm at Richfield, upon which he resided for the remainder of his life. This property is now owned and cultivated by his son, Eugene F. Piaget.

Mr. Piaget was a member of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons. He was an active and influential Republican. His death occurred on the 14th of August, 1902.

He married, July 25, 1866, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Eliza Victoria Fullerton, of a Nova Scotia family. She died August 7, 1897. Children: Philip H., Alice E., and Eugene F.

**D**AVID WILMOT SMITH. — Mr. Smith is one of the oldest citizens of Bloomfield, and at the age of seventy-eight is still engaged in active business pursuits in that community. He was born at Orange, N. J., on the 27th of October, 1825, his parents being Joshua and Ann (Mason) Smith. His father was a successful manufacturer of woolen

goods, and was a prominent layman of the Presbyterian Church. With Stephen Morris he organized the second Sunday School in Franklin (now Nutley), N. J.

On his mother's side Mr. Smith is descended from a notable English family. His maternal grandparents, John and Martha (Wharton) Mason, came to America in 1810, and in 1811 established their home in what has ever since been known as the "Mason Manor House," still standing in a state of good preservation in Nutley. John Mason was engaged in the cotton spinning business.

David Wilmot Smith received his education in the schools of Bloomfield. He began his business career in the employment of David Oakes, a prominent Bloomfield manufacturer of the times. In 1855 he went to Chicago, where he was for some time engaged in the grain trade. He returned to New Jersey two years later, however, and in 1859 took charge of a woolen mill at Basking Ridge. Here he continued for five years, during most of that time devoting himself to the manufacture of kerseys for use in the army. In 1866 he established a painting and decorating business in Bloomfield, which he has conducted uninterruptedly to the present time.

Throughout his long life Mr. Smith has occupied a position of high standing in the community, enjoying respect for his character as a man and his excellence as a citizen. Originally a supporter of the principles of the Whig party, casting his first vote for Henry

Clay, he has been a Republican ever since the formation of the latter organization. He is a member and officer of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield.

He married, in 1846, Catherine Louisa Hall, daughter of Eliphalet Hall, who for many years was a justice of the peace. Children: Walter, Horace, Charles, Spencer, Jennie, Julia (wife of George M. Condit), and Laura.

**J**AMES STEEL, of Little Falls, Passaic County, one of the best known citizens of that portion of New Jersey, postmaster, editor, and manufacturer, was born in Paterson, N.

J., June 20, 1857. His parents were Thomas and Eliza C. (Riggs) Steel, the former a native of Scotland, and the latter a daughter of Daniel Riggs, who was a school-teacher in Connecticut. Mr. Steel's father was the son of a prominent brewer of Glasgow, Scotland. He learned the machinist's trade in the old country, and came to America by the advice of Thomas Rogers, the famous locomotive builder. Soon after arriving in this country he went to Montreal, where he had charge in the construction of the first locomotive turned out from the shops of the Grand Trunk Railroad.

Mr. Steel's mother was a granddaughter of Richard Ryerson, who owned a large portion of what is

now Ringwood, and in this line his American ancestry is traceable for two centuries.

James Steel received his early education in the schools of Paterson, N. J., later attending Glasgow University, Scotland. In early life he was for some time engaged in the business of brewing and malting. He is now a manufacturing chemist at Little Falls, also being publisher of the Little Falls *Eagle*. He is a man of inventive ability, having made various improvements in automatic air brake and other mechanical appliances.

In 1898 Mr. Steel was appointed by President McKinley postmaster of Little Falls, an office in which he has since continued. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Free and Accepted Order of Masons.

April 1, 1880, he was married to Lottie M. Swift. Their children are Iva R., Myrtle B., James T., Grace V., and Hobart P.

**H**ENRY MONROE WHITFIELD, of Nutley, contractor and builder, was born in Belleville, N. J., August 4, 1852.

Mr. Whitfield is a grandson of Captain George Whitfield, a noted Belleville citizen of his times, who for many years ran a line of vessels from Belleville to New York, also conducting a hotel in Belleville. He married, May 18, 1805, Sarah San-



ford, their children being William S., Mary Ann (married John Brittin), John Ross, George, Charles H., Abraham H., and Joseph L. Captain George Whitfield died October 11, 1805, aged seventy.

Joseph L. Whitfield, son of Captain George and father of Henry Monroe Whitfield, was born December 10, 1819, and died April 29, 1858. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in carrying freight by team between Belleville and New York. His wife was Margaret Brown (born September 22, 1821, died June 5, 1886), by whom he had two children, Anna S. and Henry M. Both Joseph L. Whitfield and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church.

Henry Monroe Whitfield received a public school education, and learned the carpentering and building business. In 1890 he embarked in business on his own account as a contractor and builder, his operations being principally in Belleville, Nutley, and that vicinity. He has since prosecuted his interests with marked success, and much of the representative building of Nutley is his work.

He is a Republican in politics, and has served the public in the office of assessor for the past five years. He is a leading member of the Nutley Methodist Church, and treasurer of its Board of Trustees; member and past chancellor of Crystal Lodge No. 32, Knights of Pythias, of Nutley, and a director of the Franklin Building and Loan Association.

He was married, first, to Ella M. Rutan, who

bore him one child, who died in infancy; and second, to Ella K. Pollock.

**L**ESLIE BRITTAIN MILLER, of Newark, was born at LaFayette, Sussex County, N. J., August 28, 1852. He is descended from early settlers of this country, his pedigree being traceable originally to Holland.

He received a public school education, and learned the business of mechanical engineering. For some twenty-five years he was successfully engaged as a builder and contractor in Newark. Since the 1st of January, 1901, he has held the official position of superintendent of buildings.

He is a member of the Garfield Republican Club; Corinthian Council, Royal Arcanum; Kane Lodge No. 55, F. and A. M., and Anthony Wayne Lodge, Junior Order U. A. M.

Mr. Miller married Emma V. Drake. They are the parents of two children, Claire B. and Elsie L.

**J**OHN HYDE, of Brookdale, Essex County, was born in Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire, England, April 29, 1842, son of Thomas and Ann (Harrison) Hyde. His father was a hatter, following his occupation in this country for a time; he died at the age of seventy-six, and is buried in the Bloomfield Cemetery. Mr. Hyde's mother died in England.

He received his education in his native country, and there learned the trade of hatter. Coming to America in 1868, at the age of twenty-six, he was for a few months engaged in the hat industry in Yonkers, N. Y., but in 1869 removed to Bloomfield, where he has since resided. Here he was occupied with business until 1899. Having some years previously undertaken farming, he then determined to devote the remainder of his life to this congenial pursuit. He is one of the successful agriculturalists of his section, and as a citizen is highly respected and esteemed.

Mr. Hyde belongs to the Orange Lodge of Elks, of which he was a charter member.

He was married, August 11, 1875, to Jane Hyde, daughter of Isaac and Emma Hyde. Surviving children: George Sydney, Thomas A., John Harrison, and Emma. His son Thomas (a graduate of the Bloomfield High School) is now attending the General Theological Seminary in New York City. The other children are at home.

**J**AMES DIMOND, of Paterson, justice of the peace, was born in that community, January 25, 1836, son of James and Catherine (McLean) Dimond. His father was a native of County Derry, Ireland. He came to America early in the nineteenth century, and settled in Philadelphia, subsequently removing to Paterson, where he died in 1873 at the age of eighty-seven. Mr.

Dimond's mother was born in County Antrim, Ireland; she died in Paterson in 1856.

The son received a public school education in Paterson. In early life he was employed at the cotton spinning and house carpentering trades. On April 16, 1861, the day after the firing on Fort Sumter, he enlisted in Company H., Second New Jersey Volunteers, serving with this regiment for three months. He re-enlisted, September 17, 1861, in Company G., Seventh New Jersey Volunteers. He was in active service in the Peninsula campaign under General McClellan, but after the battle of Williamsburg (May, 1862), owing to wounds and typhoid fever, was sent to New York, where he was cared for in the Ladies' Home for Sick and Wounded Soldiers. When able to leave that institution he rejoined his regiment, but being pronounced unfit for duty was discharged, with the rank of sergeant, February 15, 1863. On the 17th of October, 1864, he enlisted, for the third time, in New York City, in Company E., Tenth Veteran Reserves, Captain Henry R. White commanding. He continued with this regiment as corporal until October 26, 1865, when he received his final honorable discharge.

Upon leaving the army Mr. Dimond returned to Paterson and resumed work at his trade, but after several years was obliged to discontinue active employment on account of the physical disabilities resulting from his wounds.

In 1876 he was elected to the office of justice of the

peace, in which he has since continued without interruption, being now in his sixth successive term. He has made a record for most honorable and efficient service, and is one of the most esteemed old citizens of Paterson. He is also notary public, having first been appointed in that capacity by Governor Bedle in September, 1877. For many years he was a member of Farragut Post No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic.

He was married, in Paterson, N. J., July, 1857, to Sarah A. King, daughter of Aaron and Rebecca King. They have had six children: Amelia (died in childhood); Virginia (deceased), wife of William R. Close; Laura A., Frederick K., James, Jr., and George W.

**C**HARLES FREDERICK HUMMEL, of Bloomfield, was born in that place on the 19th of September, 1870. His parents, Martin and Dorothea (Vogt) Hummel, are still living, old and respected residents of Bloomfield. Both were born in the Kingdom of Württemberg, Germany. They came to America on the same vessel in 1860, and were married in Newark, N. J., in 1863. Martin Hummel, the father, is engaged in the coal business in Bloomfield. His surviving children are George, Anna, Charles F., John E., Dorothea, and Frank M.

Charles Frederick Hummel was educated in the



public schools of Bloomfield, and was for some years employed with his father in the coal business, subsequently following various occupations. Taking an active interest in politics, he was appointed to official position as a keeper in the Penitentiary, and afterward as a court officer in Newark. He is at present chief prosecutor's detective of Essex County, N. J.

He is a shareholder in the Essex County Building and Loan Association of Bloomfield, of which his father was a director many years. He is a member of the Elks, the Second Ward Republican Club, and other organizations.

Mr. Hummel married Mary J. Carson. Children, Floyd, Gertrude, and Robert.

**T**HE FRANCISCO FAMILY has long occupied a position of prominence and consideration in New Jersey. It is now represented by five brothers, John W., J. Houston, Sherman G., Edward Ellsworth, and Frank M. Francisco, sons of the late Edward Francisco, who was one of the most honored and useful citizens of his times in Passaic County, serving as member and president of the Board of Freeholders. The brothers have maintained the substantial reputation of the family, all of them being men of active enterprise, and enjoying the respect of the community.

The late EDWARD FRANCISCO was born in



EDWARD FRANCISCO



Bloomington, Passaic County, N. J., January 5, 1826. He was of original Spanish-French ancestry, but the Francisco Family, from its early appearance in this country, has always been characterized by an earnest and patriotic devotion to American institutions.

Brought up amid rural surroundings at a period when the public school system was in its infancy, his educational advantages were necessarily limited; but, possessing an active and inquiring mind, he became by his own efforts a man of broad information. He was married, February 5, 1852, to Ann Forshee, by whom he had one son, John W., a civil engineer by profession. Mr. Francisco married, second, in 1858, Mary E. Houston, of Belleville, Orange County, N. Y., the now surviving children of this union being J. Houston, Sherman G., Edward Ellsworth, and Frank M. A portion of his early life was spent in Newark, N. J., where he was engaged as a carpenter and builder. About 1863 he purchased a farm at Great Notch, Passaic County, N. J., and there he continued to reside until his death. His life was mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he prospered, the fine condition of his property being in keeping with the entire character of the man, as he held the orderly management of one's affairs to be of prime importance. He was also to some extent engaged in business as a contractor.

As a citizen Mr. Francisco was actuated by the highest motives of usefulness to the community. He

was recognized by his townsmen as a man of energy and integrity, and by their suffrages was elected to the office of freeholder, in which he served about fifteen years. During the last four years of this period he occupied the position of president of the board. He was particularly active in behalf of wholesome public improvements, and it was by his influence that the canal company, after a long struggle, was induced to make important changes in the character of its bridges, a service that was highly appreciated by the public of the township.

He died on the 22d of June, 1889. The following published tribute was paid to him by a writer who knew him well: "As a citizen he was faithful in discharge of duty, as a neighbor he was kind and obliging."

JOHN W. FRANCISCO, eldest son of Edward Francisco (by his first wife), was born at Newark, N. J., November 15, 1852. He is engaged in the profession of civil engineering. He married Addie Taylor, of Irvington, N. J., and they have one child, Howard.

J. HOUSTON FRANCISCO, second son of Edward Francisco, was born in Bellvale, Orange County, N. Y., September 23, 1861, and was educated in the public schools of Little Falls and at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was married at Great Notch, N. J., December 10, 1891, to



Catherine Small, and has five children: Mary E., Vida C., Marjorie A., Mildred C., and Harry H.

SHERMAN G. FRANCISCO, third son of Edward Francisco, was born at Great Notch, N. J., December 2, 1864, and received the same educational training as his elder brother. He married, at Great Notch, November 14, 1895, Harriet Fox, of New Orleans, La.

Mr. J. Houston Francisco and Mr. Sherman G. Francisco are associated in important quarrying enterprises at Great Notch under the firm style of Francisco Brothers.

MINNIE E. FRANCISCO, only daughter of Edward Francisco, was born July 8, 1867, and died September 11, 1875.

EDWARD ELLSWORTH FRANCISCO, fourth son of Edward Francisco, was born at Great Notch, N. J., July 11, 1869, was educated at his native place, and at the age of twenty embarked in professional work as an electrical engineer, in which he has since continued. He was married, November 22, 1891, to Miss Florence Caption, of North Caldwell, N. J. Children: Edward Ellsworth, William Sherman, Douglas Caption, and Florence Helen.

FRANK M. FRANCISCO, fifth son of Edward Francisco, was born at Great Notch, N. J., June 30, 1875.

**H**ARRIS SNYDER, of Newark, was born in the Empire of Russia, October 15, 1840. He came to the United States in 1881, at first making his home in Hunterdon County, N. J., but after four years removed to Newark, where he engaged in the butchering business. In 1897 he established himself in the wine, liquor and tobacco trade in Bloomfield, and the venture thus begun has since been continued very successfully, the present firm style being H. Snyder & Son. For some time he has been retired from the active conduct of the concern, in which his place has been taken by his son Morris. His attention is now mainly devoted to his real estate interests in Newark, where he resides.

Though his removal to this country did not occur until after he had reached middle age, Mr. Snyder was prompt to adapt himself to the spirit of American institutions, acquiring full citizenship upon completing the prescribed period of residence. He is an excellent representative of the more thrifty and enterprising class of our adopted population—men who, by force of character, intelligence, and integrity, have carved out successful careers for themselves despite the disadvantage of beginning life anew in a strange land. He manifests an active interest in public affairs, being a staunch Republican in his political relations. He is a member of the Newark Lodge of Sons of Benjamin.

The family of Mr. Snyder consists of eight children—David, Joseph, Morris, Marcus, Isaac, Haman, Henry, and Minnie (wife of B. Miller).

**A**RTHUR P. HEYER, of Bloomfield, prominently identified with the business interests of that community, was born in Marlboro, Monmouth County, N. J., April 4, 1876, son of William Hudson and Cornelia (Herbert) Heyer. The great-grandfather of Mr. Heyer became a resident of the lower portion of Manhattan Island when that section of New York City was but sparsely settled and was known as Jones's Woods. His son was one of the early settlers of Monmouth County, N. J., where the family has since resided.

Arthur P. Heyer received his education in his native community. In 1898 he removed to Bloomfield, where soon afterward he established extensive machine shops, devoted especially to general automobile repair work. In this industry he has enjoyed a high degree of success, and his shops are now the largest and best-equipped of their kind in New Jersey. Personally, Mr. Heyer is known as one of the most energetic and capable business men of the community in which he resides.

He is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 960, R. A.

Mr. Heyer was married, August 25, 1898, to Miss

Louise Wetherby, of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have two children, Benjamin and Clifford.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY VAN GIESON, M. D., of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born on the 29th of October, 1864, at Keyport, Monmouth County, N. J., son of Francis and Maria (Stout) Van Gieson. His father was by occupation a supervising engineer. The paternal ancestors of Dr. Van Gieson were of Dutch stock, and on his mother's side he is a descendant of the Stout Family of Monmouth County.

He received his general education at G. W. Holmes's Academy at Keyport, and was graduated in medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md. He was admitted to practice medicine in Essex County in 1886, locating in Bloomfield, where he has since pursued his profession with substantial reputation and success.

Dr. Van Gieson is a member of the Orange Mountain Medical Society.

He was married, October 29, 1889, at Hoboken, N. J., to Frances A. Morris, daughter of Aaron Morris. They have one child, William Morris Van Gieson.

**J**OHN MILTON MEAD, one of the conspicuous citizens and business men of Caldwell, Essex County, was born there on the 1st of May, 1837.

Mr. Mead is descended from original Dutch ancestors, his great-great-grandfather having emigrated to this country from Holland and settled in what is now known as Mountain View, Passaic County, N. J. His great-grandfather married a Cadmus, and his grandfather was John Mead, who married Sarah Dodd. The parents of Mr. Mead were Allen C. Mead (born in 1805 and died in 1895) and Lucretia L. (Dayton) Mead (born in 1803 and died September 1, 1893).

He received a country school education, and as a farmer's boy was brought up to agricultural pursuits, but at the age of seventeen entered a mercantile establishment in Caldwell, and from that time applied himself to business. For many years Mr. Mead has successfully conducted a general store in Caldwell, occupying a highly respected position in the business community.

He is also a citizen of influence, having served the public in the capacities of postmaster, township committeeman and councilman of the borough. He is a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, and a member of Caldwell Lodge, No. 59, F. and A. M.

He married, May 1, 1861, Electa C. Ward, daughter of Smith C. and Lotta (Ward) Ward.



**T**HOMAS PEER, of Fairfield, Essex County, was born in New York City, September 10, 1861, son of Thomas and Jane (Roome) Peer, grandson on his father's side of John and Mary (Doremus) Peer, and grandson on his mother's side of John and Catherine Roome. His father (born February, 1822, died 1865) was a sash and blind maker by occupation. The mother of Mr. Peer was born in November, 1822, and died in January, 1879.

Mr. Peer was educated in the public schools of Newark, N. J., where he pursued the grocery business for a time. Removing to Fairfield, in 1893, he engaged in agriculture. A man of enterprise and self-reliance, he has since become interested in the grocery and in poultry raising, and in both these occupations he has enjoyed success. As a poultry farmer he gives his attention to fancy breeds and to the trade in eggs for hatching. He is a well-known and useful citizen, a member of the Reformed Church of Fairfield and treasurer of its Sunday School.

He married, on the 17th of April, 1889, Sarah E. Doremus, daughter of Goline G. and Harriet (Smith) Doremus. One child has been born of this union, Edward Roome Peer.

**J**OHN IRWIN JACOBUS, mayor of Caldwell, Essex County, was born at Mead's Basin, N. J., September 28, 1863, son of James and Eliza (Onderdonk) Jacobus. Through both his parents he is of Hollandish descent.

He was educated in his native place (now known as Mountain View, N. J.), and after leaving school obtained employment with the Erie Railway Company. With this company he has always since continued, a period of twenty-three years.

Throughout his life Mr. Jacobus has taken a special interest in the local affairs of the community, and his services have frequently been in request by his fellow-citizens. Elected to the office of borough clerk, he resigned that position at the end of one year to accept a nomination as councilman. After serving a full term in this capacity he was elected mayor of Caldwell, and upon the expiration of his term was re-elected. He declined a third election, but after a retirement of two years was by the earnest request of many of the citizens induced to again become a candidate, and was elected by a handsome majority. His present term expires in March, 1904.

Mr. Jacobus is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the D. of L.

**J**ONATHAN BEACH DAVENPORT, of North Caldwell, was born in that place February 13, 1831, son of Ezra and Mary (Beach) Davenport. He is descended on both sides from substantial country families of New Jersey. His paternal grandparents were Leonard and Catharine (Stiles) Davenport, who resided in Morris County, and on his mother's side he is a grandson of Jonathan Beach, for whom he was named and who in his time owned and lived on the farm which is now the property of Mr. Davenport. Ezra Davenport, the father of Mr. J. B. Davenport, was a wheelwright and farmer. A sister of Mr. Davenport, Salenna, is the wife of Sordius Stewart; another sister, Sarah, married George Speer, and is now deceased.

Jonathan Beach Davenport received a common school education at Montclair, N. J. Becoming the owner of the farm of his maternal grandfather, Jonathan Beach, at North Caldwell, he has since resided there, engaged, like his ancestors, in agricultural occupations; and he is one of the best known farmers of that locality. The stone dwelling which is the home of Mr. Davenport and his family was built by his great-grandfather, Daniel Beach, in 1797.

He is an influential citizen, a leading member of the Republican party, has served as committeeman, and is now incumbent of the office of commissioner of appeals. He is a member and officer of the Dutch Reformed Church of Little Falls.



SIDNEY HEMINSLEY





Mr. Davenport was married, in 1856, to Mary Speer, daughter of William Speer. Children born of this union: Clara, wife of Charles Bogert; Wallace (deceased); Emma (deceased, who married Lewis Courter), and another who died in infancy.

**B**ERTRAND AUSTIN STANLEY, of Little Falls, Passaic County, was born in that village, November 27, 1871, son of Austin L. and Elizabeth (Stagg) Stanley, and grandson of Henry Stanley, whose wife was Julia Crane, of Montclair, N. J. His grandfather was a cotton manufacturer of Cedar Grove, N. J., of the firm of Stanley & Bowden. The mills at that place were destroyed by fire, and Henry Stanley thereupon removed to Orange County, New York State, where he continued in the same business until his death. Austin L. Stanley, father of Mr. Bertrand A. Stanley, father of Mr. Bertrand A. Stanley, is a prominent old citizen of Little Falls. For the past thirty-one years he has been employed with the Beattie Manufacturing Company of Little Falls, of which he is at present superintendent. He is one of the school trustees of Little Falls Township.

Bertrand Austin Stanley was educated in his native place, and he is one of the enterprising and successful young business men of the village, being engaged in the coal and ice trade. He was elected in 1902 to fill an unexpired term of one year as township assessor.

He is a member of Little Falls Council No. 1,194, R. A.

He was married, November 8, 1897, to Lucia Furbeck, of Little Falls, and has a daughter, Lucia Elizabeth Stanley.

**W**ILLIAM R. RAAB.—Although belonging to the younger generation of citizens, Mr. Raab has made a record as one of the most energetic and successful business men of Bloomfield. He is among the well-known builders of that portion of Essex County, and has contributed in a marked degree to the architectural progress of Bloomfield and the neighboring communities.

He was born in New York City, January 2, 1868, son of William J. and Augusta K. (Klein) Raab. Both of his parents are still living, their home also being in Bloomfield. His father was born in Bavaria, Germany, came to America in 1853, learned the trade of making dental instruments, subsequently engaged in the grocery trade, and finally established himself at Bloomfield in the hotel business, which he stills conducts. Mr. Raab's mother is a native of Hessen, Germany, and came to the United States in 1854, living until her marriage in Newark, N. J. This couple after their marriage made their home in Bloomfield (1869), where they have always since resided. Nine children have been born to them: Mary, William R.,

Johanna, Charles (deceased), Elizabeth, Augusta (deceased), Philipina (deceased), and Margaret.

William R. Raab, after serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, engaged in business on his own account as a carpenter and builder in Bloomfield. As noted above, his career has been eminently successful. He is a public spirited citizen, taking an earnest interest in all measures for promoting the welfare of the community. In his political relations he is a Republican, and has been somewhat active in advancing the interests of his party.

He is one of the directors of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias, and the First Ward Republican Club. For fourteen years he was identified with the Fire Department as a member of Active Hose Company. He is now secretary of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Bloomfield.

Mr. Raab married Miss Marie Fredericks, and has three children, William, Arthur, and Marie.

**S**IDNEY HEMINSLEY, of Paterson, superintendent of the Cedar Lawn Cemetery of that city, was born in Birmingham, England, March 30, 1870, son of the late Sidney and Elizabeth Heminsley.

His father, also a native of Birmingham, England, came to America in 1862. After arriving in New York he went to New Haven, Conn., where he imme-

diately enlisted in the Twentieth Connecticut Regiment, with which he served faithfully until the close of the Civil War. Returning to England he married, but having formed an attachment for this country came back with his family, settling in Paterson. By occupation a civil engineer, he was employed there in laying out the new cemetery, including a large portion of the old, and subsequently became its superintendent. This position he filled efficiently and creditably until his death (January 20, 1894). He was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Odd Fellows, and the Grand Army of the Republic. His now surviving children are Mary A., wife of Irvin Mathewson of Providence, R. I.; Sidney; Minnie M., and Thomas H.

Sidney Heminsley, the son, came with his parents to the United States in his childhood, receiving his early education in the public and high schools of Paterson, and afterward pursued a course in Latimer's Business College. After leaving school he became assistant to his father in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery, and upon the death of the latter in 1894 succeeded to the position of superintendent.

Mr. Heminsley has made an excellent record in the discharge of his responsible duties, and is one of the prominent young men of his city.

**P**ORTER CHRISTY LITTLE, merchant, of Pittstown, was born near that place on the 21st of January, 1846. His grandparents were Christy Little (born September 11, 1771, died October 17, 1850), who was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War, and Rachel (Cook) Little (born December 28, 1777, died February 10, 1859). The parents of Mr. Little were Sedgwick Little (born April 5, 1812, died December 31, 1880), and Lucinda (Hoff) Little (born August 11, 1823, died December 11, 1858). They had two other children, Elizabeth Little (born January 21, 1843, and died March 30, 1861), and George C. Little (born September 4, 1850). Sedgwick Little, the father of this family, was a miller and farmer.

Porter Christy Little received a public school education, later pursuing more advanced studies at Pennington Seminary and Eastman's Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. At the age of twenty he went to Kansas, where he lived for the next seven years. During a portion of this time he was engaged in contracting for grading on railways in Kansas, the Indian Territory, Arkansas, and Texas.

Mr. Little is a member of the firm of Suydam & Little, transacting a general business at Pittstown in coal, grain, fertilizers, hay, and similar lines.

He was married, first, January 21, 1880, to Rebecca Julia Deats, who died July 22, 1882, leaving one child, Julia May (born March 10, 1882, died



March 19, 1884). He married, second, November 20, 1884, Sarah Ellen Hoff Deats. Their children are Daniel Frederick, born October 10, 1885, and Julia Maud, born November 14, 1887.

**J**OHN WILLIAM HIRDES, of Belleville, Essex County, is one of the representative American citizens of German birth, a man who has enjoyed success in his personal affairs, and a respected and useful member of the community where he resides.

He was born in Germany, January 20, 1850, and came to this country in 1868. For the first fourteen years of his residence in the United States he lived in New Orleans, then removing to Belleville, where he has since had his home. During the past nine years he has been connected, as furniture salesman, with the well-known firm of Hahne & Company, of Newark.

As a citizen of Belleville he has been honored by election (1902), as justice of the peace, and (1903) as member of the Town Committee. He is a supporter of the Democratic party.

Mr. Hirdes was married at New Orleans, La., in 1873, to Mrs. George Garvie, née Anne Amelia Terhune, daughter of James and Sarah (Edwards) Terhune. Mrs. Hirdes is a descendant of the old Terhune Family of Bergen County, N. J., her paternal grandfather having been Peter Terhune, of Hackensack. Her mother, Sarah Edwards, was born on Gar-

diner's Island, and her maternal grandfather, Sylvester Edwards, was in charge of that island for its proprietors, the Gardiner Family, during the War of 1812.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirdes have one child living, William Thomas Hirdes, having lost a daughter in 1900, Mabel Estelle Hirdes, aged twenty-two years.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY VAN NESS, of Little Falls, Passaic County, was born in that place October 31, 1841, son of Isaac and Catherine (Bone) Van Ness. He is a grandson of Evert Henry Van Ness, who came to Little Falls at an early period of the settlement of Passaic County, and who was one of the largest landed proprietors of his times.

William Henry Van Ness received a public school education in Little Falls. He has been engaged successfully in manufacturing enterprises, from which he is now retired. As a citizen he is much esteemed, and has served with fidelity and credit as member of the Township Committee and the School Board.

Mr. Van Ness was married, in 1863, to Corintha Jane Yorks. Of this union one child was born, Emma M., now the wife of John Breakey, formerly of Rockford, Ill., and at present a merchant baker of Little Falls.

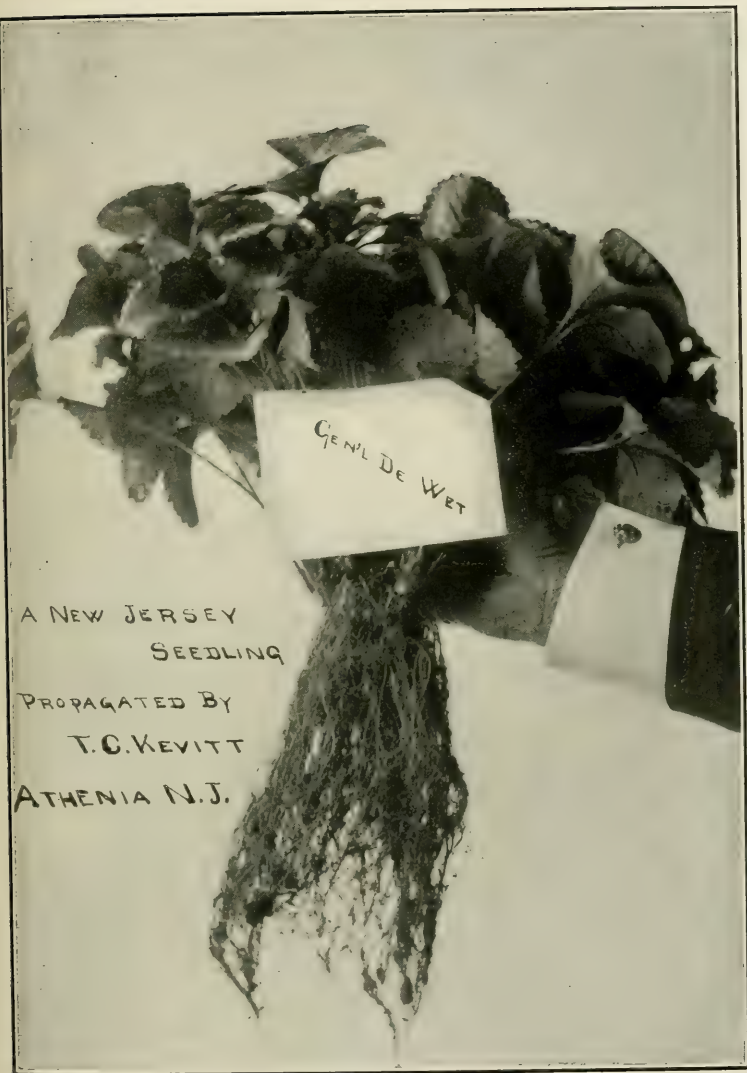
**R**OBERT COLFAX VAN NESS, of Little Falls, a prominent citizen and public official of that township, was born in Little Falls, January 30, 1877, son of Francis W. and Harriet Ryerson (Gedney) Van Ness. He is a direct descendant of Martin Ryerson, who came to America in 1646, and also of Robert Colfax, brother of General William Colfax, of Washington's body-guard.

Mr. Van Ness received a public school education at his native place. At a youthful age he engaged in business employment in the National Shoe and Leather Bank of New York City, continuing in that institution for four years. He then entered the Paterson National Bank of Paterson, N. J., with which he has since been connected.

He was elected a member of the Township Committee of Little Falls in March, 1903, for a term of three years. In May of the same year he was appointed treasurer of the township, and in March, 1904, was reappointed to that office.

He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Van Ness was married, April 14, 1903, in Chicago, Ill., to Miss Kitty Clover.







**J**OHN T. PLATT, of Orange, Essex County, was born in that place on the 10th of January, 1853, his parents being John and Margaret (Henry) Platt. He is prominently identified with the business interests of his community, having been successfully engaged in the plumbing business at Orange since 1882. During the past twenty years he has been a member of the Board of Health of Orange, and for some eight years past has served as president of that body. He is also manager of the Columbus Theatre of Orange.

He married Mary Shannon, of Grandville, Washington County, N. Y. Children of this union: Mary, Ada, Helen, Florence, Louise, and Eulalia.

**T**C. KEVITT, of Athenia, N. J., is widely known as one of the most enterprising and successful representatives of the fruit-growing interests of New Jersey. He conducts an extensive plant farm at Athenia, which is devoted to the finest and most productive varieties. Mr. Kevitt has been especially successful in the cultivation of seedling strawberries, and in the propagation, by cross-breeding and similar processes, of entirely new specimens of the strawberry plant, representing the highest attainable perfection, both as to bearing qualities and as to excellence of product. His latest achievement is the "General DeWet" strawberry, the result

of fourteen years of experimentation in growing seedlings and cross-breeding from the Parker Earl. Its special characteristics are thus described: "The fruiting stems are strong and sturdy, well able to bear up the heavy load of fruit which the General De Wet always brings forth. The fruit is of immense size, fine shape and color, and of great productiveness. It is the best grower, never showing any rust, bears the finest looking berry, is the most prolific, and is the best to stand the hot, dry weather." One thousand of the General De Wet plants were exhibited at the World's Fair at St. Louis.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY HARRISON CONDIT, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born there on the 15th of December, 1840, his parents being William Smith and Elizabeth (Cadmus) Condit. His father was a wheelwright, a respected citizen of his community. Mr. Condit's paternal grandfather was Stephen Condit, who married a Harrison; his maternal grandfather was Peter Cadmus. The parental family consisted of seven children:—Peter C., Zenas E., Stephen Grover, William Henry Harrison, Reuben M., Margaret J. (wife of John Gilbert), and two others who died young.

Mr. Condit received a public school education in his native place. On the 28th of August, 1861, he enlisted in Company C. of the Seventh New Jersey

Volunteers. He continued in active military service for three years and eleven months, receiving his honorable discharge on the 28th of July, 1865. His record as a soldier was one of exceptional merit, and he was successively promoted to the grades of sergeant, lieutenant, and in command of the company.

He has been engaged for many years in the building business, and is one of the successful men of Caldwell. For a period of seven years he served the public as a member of the Borough Council, several times acting as chairman of that body. He is an active and prominent Republican, and has occupied the position of member of the Republican County Committee.

He is commander of Bartlett Post No. 39, Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member and past master of Caldwell Lodge No. 59, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Condit was married, March 6, 1872, to Agatha L. Caniff. Children of this union: Charles B., Della M., and George (deceased).

**L** OBSITZ, of Nutley, N. J.—The brothers Samuel and Maurice Lobsitz are associated in an important manufacturing enterprise at Nutley, Essex County. Both are natives of New York City, sons of Albert and Lena Lobsitz.

The Samuel Lobsitz Woolen Mills, at Nutley, is one of the representative industrial establishments of

that portion of New Jersey. The product is disposed of through the mercantile house of Samuel Lobsitz, 260 and 262 Church street, New York City.

**J**OHN TERHUNE VAN RIPER, of Passaic, lawyer, was born in that city, April 20, 1872, son of Dr. Cornelius and Adrianna (Terhune) Van Riper, and grandson of ex-Judge John N. Terhune. He acquired his early education in the public schools of Passaic, and was prepared for college in the Paterson Classical School, conducted by Dr. McChesney. In September, 1890, he entered the class of '94 at Yale University, but soon afterward ill health obliged him to return home. In October of the same year he entered the University of the City of New York, where, after pursuing a four years' course, he was graduated with the bachelor of arts degree in June, 1894. By combining the last year's work of the collegiate course with the first year's work of the New York University Law School course, he was able to take the degree of bachelor of laws in June, 1895. While at college he held the offices of president and vice-president of the New York University Athletic Association, class vice-president, class treasurer, and secretary of the University *Quarterly*. He is a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity, the Theta Nu Epsilon Society, the Passaic Club, and the Young Men's Christian Association of Passaic.



WILLIAM H. C. JACKSON





In June, 1897, Mr. Van Riper entered the law office of Thomas M. Moore, Esq., of Passaic, about the same time being admitted to the bar of New Jersey as attorney at law and solicitor in chancery. He has since pursued his profession with rapidly increasing success, and now enjoys a reputation as one of the representative and able members of the Passaic County bar.

From 1897 to 1900 he held the public office of school commissioner for the Second Ward. He is secretary of the Dundee Savings Bank and one of the deacons of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Mr. Van Riper was married, June 6, 1899, to Miss Edith Hope Hart, daughter of Colonel B. F. and Emeline Hart, of Hoboken, N. J. Child of this union, John Cornelius Van Riper, born December 1, 1901.

**H**ON. WILLIAM HOWARD CROSBY JACKSON, of New Brunswick, state senator and ex-member of the Assembly of New Jersey, was born in New Brunswick, January 26, 1867, son of Matthew and Ann (Crosby) Jackson. He received his education in his native place, where he has always resided. In early life Mr. Jackson was for eight years connected with the hardware establishment of Robert Gray, Jr., in the city of Newark. Since 1891 he has been connected with the Hay Foun-

dry and Iron Works of Newark, and since 1895 has been manager of the New York business of that company.

Throughout his life he has taken an active interest in public affairs, as a supporter of the Republican party. In 1902 and 1903 he served as a representative in the New Jersey Assembly from New Brunswick, being a member of several of the important committees of that body; and in the latter year he was elected to the State Senate, in which also he was a prominent and influential member. His public career has been characterized by integrity and efficiency; and he is regarded as one of the representative men in politics in his portion of New Jersey.

Mr. Jackson is prominently identified with several of the principal fraternal orders. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 19, F. and A. M., Scott Chapter No. 4, R. A. M.; Scott Council No. 1, R. S. M.; Temple Commandery No. 18, K. T.; New York Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., and Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; past exalted ruler of New Brunswick Lodge No. 224, B. P. O. E.; member of New Brunswick Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.; president of the Brunswick Club; vice-president of the Young Men's Republican Club; and member of the New Brunswick Boat Club and Union Club.

**F**RANK TRUMAN SHEPARD, of Nutley, Essex County, was born in Greenpoint, Long Island, July 17, 1871, son of Matthew and Jennie Shepard. His father, a machinist by occupation, was a volunteer soldier in the Civil War, serving throughout that struggle. On his mother's side he is descended from an English family.

Mr. Shepard was educated in the public schools of Nutley, and is one of the prominent and public spirited citizens of that place. He is a successful engineer and surveyor, having been engaged in professional business in these lines for the past sixteen years. For six years he has held the office of town engineer of Nutley, and for two years has been a member of the local Board of Education.

He is a member of Crystal Lodge No. 32, Knights of Pythias, and in that order is a past deputy grand chancellor.

He was married, May 3, 1893, to Mary L. Travis, by whom he has two children, Howard and Dudley.

**B**ERNARD FRANCIS HIGGINS, merchant, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in that community, September 1, 1860, his parents being Thomas and Ann (Rogers) Higgins. Throughout his active career he has been identified with the mercantile interests of Bloomfield. For more than twen-

ty years he was engaged in the ice business, disposing of that interest to embark in the grocery trade, in which he has since successfully continued.

He is a public spirited citizen of Bloomfield, having served for five years as chief of the Fire Department. He is at present (1904) first vice-president of the New Jersey State Firemen's Relief Association.

Mr. Higgins was married, October 24, 1883, to Mary F. Levy, of Bloomfield, and has three children, Mabel, Edward, and Jeanette.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY SHERMAN, a leading business man of Little Falls, Passaic County, and for the past twelve years a public official of his township, was born in Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y., September 2, 1858, son of William B. and Sarah L. (Van Emburgh) Sherman, of that place, where also his grandfather, Charles B. Sherman, and his great-grandfather, Theodore Sherman, were residents.

After receiving a public school education in his native place, he came, in 1872, at the age of fourteen, to Little Falls, where he has since lived. He has long been engaged there as a confectioner and newsdealer, conducting one of the principal business establishments of the community.

He was elected to the office of constable in 1891, serving in that capacity for three years, and upon the



expiration of his term was chosen township collector, a position in which he still continues. He has always enjoyed a reputation as a conscientious and efficient public servant.

He is a member of Caldwell Lodge No. 59, F. and A. M., Myrtle Lodge No. 232, I. O. O. F., and Little Falls Lodge No. 59, J. O. U. A. M.

January 31, 1885, Mr. Sherman was married to Miss Alida Clark, of Mountain View, Passaic County. They have two twin children, Elizabeth and Minnie.

**L.** JEROME AIMAR, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Fort Dallas, Florida, June 22, 1860, son of Octavius and Justina (Moultrie) Aimar. On his father's side he is of English, and on his mother's of French, descent.

He received his general education in the schools of Fort Dallas and New York City, later studying architecture under Henry Meyer in Switzerland. For the past twenty years he has been actively and extensively engaged in professional work as an architect. In his chosen profession Mr. Aimar enjoys a wide reputation, and his field of operations has extended from Bridgeport, Conn., to the State of Florida. He was for some four years resident on Staten Island, and has been a citizen of Bloomfield since 1900.

He was married, in 1881, to Miss Almie Camar.

**S**YLVANUS COCKEFAIR.—It is supposed that the ancestor of the Cockefair Family of Bloomfield was John Cockefair, said to have been the first proprietor of the homestead farm, who settled there early in the eighteenth century, and was killed by the Indians. The farm now owned by Mr. Sylvanus Cockefair is a portion of the original Cockefair lands, which have been in the family for generations.

The family is of original French antecedents. Thomas Cockefair, great-grandfather of the subject of our sketch, died on the 11th of June, 1846, aged eighty-two years, six months, and four days; his wife was Mary Hendershott, one of two twins who were rescued at the time of the Wyoming Massacre in Pennsylvania. His son, John Cockefair (born 1789, died 1855), was a carpenter and millwright, and married Jane Speer. Their son, the late Alfred Cockefair, was the father of Mr. Sylvanus Cockefair; he was a millwright and farmer; married Leah Maria Van Riper.

Sylvanus Cockefair received a good education in the Bloomfield schools. In early life he learned the mason's trade, but during the past twenty-five years he has devoted himself exclusively to farming pursuits, giving special attention to the raising of market produce.

He is a citizen of high standing in the community, and for a period of fifteen years has served the public in the office of school trustee. He is a member

of the Royal Arcanum and the Free and Accepted Order of Masons.

Mr. Cockefair married, December 22, 1875, Laura J., daughter of Abram G. and Sarah (Priest) Yeareance. Children: Arthur, Estella May, Edith Amelia, Alfred Garret, and Leda S.

**V**ERNER W. FORGIE, postmaster of Belleville, Essex County, was born in that village, September 2, 1870, son of Samuel and Sarah (Howe) Forgie. He descends from old North of Ireland stock, his father having come to this country in 1849, settling in Newark.

Mr. Forgie has always maintained an active interest in the affairs of Belleville, and is a popular citizen. He has taken a leading part in political matters, giving his support to the Republican party, and being regarded as one of the effective promoters of the interests of that organization. He received his appointment as postmaster of Belleville from President Roosevelt in February, 1902. In this office his service has been marked by faithfulness and efficiency.

In his business he is connected with the plumbing trade.

He is a member of the Belleville Wheelmen, Belleville Republican Club, and Belleville Council, J. O. U. A. M.

**C**HARLES BEACH GOULD, mayor of North Caldwell, Essex County, is a native citizen of that community, having been born on the old Gould homestead at North Caldwell, January 17, 1841. He is a grandson of Josiah Gould, a soldier of the War of 1812, whose sword Mr. Gould preserves among his family relics. The father of Mr. Gould was Stephen Josiah Gould, and his mother was Joanna, daughter of Captain Jonathan Beach. To this couple eleven children were born, as follows: Elizabeth (deceased), Daniel, William (deceased), Josiah, Jonathan (deceased), Rachel (wife of Richard Speer), Caleb, Charles B. (subject of our sketch), Sarah E. (wife of Nicholas Van Dyne of Boonton), Stephen L., and Abbie (deceased).

Charles B. Gould received his education in the schools of his neighborhood. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is a citizen highly esteemed for his sterling qualities. He has held various local offices, and is now mayor of North Caldwell.

He is a member and officer in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Verona, N. J.

Mr. Gould was married, in 1868, to Sarah E. Speer, daughter of William B. and Jane (Courter) Speer. Children: Lillian J. (wife of George C. Freeland), Alice M. (deceased), Flora (wife of E. J. Rutt), Jennie, and Mary.

**S**AMUEL D. HARRISON, a citizen of Caldwell, Essex County, is known throughout that section of New Jersey as one of its most enterprising and successful business men. Born in Warren County, N. J., November 22, 1868, he is the son of David and Eliza Jane (Blake) Harrison. His father, a carpenter by occupation, is still living in Warren County.

The son received a public school education in his native county, and at an early age began to learn the carpentering business, completing his apprenticeship in Newark, N. J. He came to Caldwell in 1891, and has since devoted his active energies to his chosen business of contractor and builder. Although still a young man, he has made an enviable reputation, enjoying high standing not only in his business relations but as a citizen. Among the more prominent edifices erected by him may be mentioned the Town Hall in Caldwell and the Presbyterian Church in Verona, the latter having been completed under his direction.

He is a member of Anthony Wayne Council, Junior Order of American Mechanics, and Washington Lodge No. 31, Knights of Pythias. He is also actively interested in building and loan association matters.

Mr. Harrison married Miss Lillian Hope, March 2, 1888, and has four children: Florence A., Clifford E., Lillian E., and Mildred.



**W**ILLIAM SHIELDS MYERS, a chemist and scientist of national distinction, and a prominent citizen of New Brunswick, of which he is now serving as mayor, was born in Albany, N. Y., December 15, 1866, son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Shields) Myers. In his paternal line he is a descendant of Christian Myers, of German nativity, who in 1688 came from the Rhine provinces of the Palatinate to New York. On his mother's side he is a grandson of Adam Shields, born in Belfast, Ireland, whence he came to New York in 1816. He is a great-nephew of William Shields, one of the prominent leaders of the Irish people in their last effort to throw off the English yoke. Mr. Myers's father was a farmer, also being engaged in the lumbering business.

Born and reared upon a farm, Mr. Myers received his early education in the district schools of his neighborhood, and after his father's death successfully managed the affairs of the homestead. He entered the Albany Boys' Academy in 1881, and was graduated from that institution in 1885. His collegiate studies were pursued at Rutgers College, where he was graduated as bachelor of science in 1889, subsequently (1894) receiving the degree of master of science. In 1888 and 1889, while at college, he served as assistant chemist of the New Jersey Experiment Station.

After his graduation he was married and went



WILLIAM S. MYERS



abroad, pursuing further professional studies in Munich, Berlin and London, under Hofmann and Ramsay. Upon his return to the United States (1892) he accepted an offer from the Lister Agricultural Chemical Works of Newark, and for one year held the position of chemist with that concern.

In 1893 he removed to New Brunswick, where he has since resided. He was appointed instructor and later associate professor of chemistry in Rutgers College and the New Jersey State Agricultural College (1893-1901). He was also chemist of the New Jersey Geological Survey, in which connection he made valuable reports on the water supplies of the State; and at various times he was engaged as an expert by manufacturers and brickmakers, and by the New Jersey State Road Commission. Since 1901 he has occupied the position of director of the Nitrate Propaganda for the United States and Colonies.

Mr. Myers was the author of the bill which organized the Department of Ceramics in Rutgers College, and which was passed by the New Jersey Legislature in 1902. He is one of the trustees of Rutgers College and is president of the Rutgers League of New Jersey.

He has contributed various papers to the American Chemical Society and technical journals on the water, soils, and clays of New Jersey, and is the author and publisher of monographs on scientific fertilization.

As a citizen of New Brunswick Mr. Myers has always been known for public spirit and activity in all

matters related to its local interests. He was elected to the office of mayor of the city in November, 1903, entering upon the duties of the office in January, 1904.

He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the London Chemical Society; a life member of the Society of Chemical Industry of Great Britain; member of the American Chemical Society and the British Association for the Advancement of Science. His club memberships embrace the Chemists' and Drug Trade Clubs of New York City, and the Union, Young Men's Republican, and Golf Clubs of New Brunswick, of which last he is president. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Myers was married, September 11, 1899, at New Brunswick, to Miss Annie Taylor Lambert. They have one child, William Lambert Myers.

**J**OSHUA LEANDER LEONARD is a representative citizen of Caldwell, Essex County, where he has for many years been engaged in business. He was born April 23, 1850, at Williamsburgh, Long Island (now a portion of the Borough of Brooklyn). His parents were Theodore Leander and Louisa (Squire) Leonard, whose family consisted of nine children, Joshua Leander, Louisa (deceased), Tryphena (deceased), Elizabeth, Samantha, Maria L. (deceased), Theo-



dore, and two who died in infancy. The father of this family was a carpenter by occupation.

On the side of his mother, whose maiden name was Louisa Squire, Mr. Leonard is descended from Revolutionary ancestors.

His early life was spent in Williamsburgh, where he received a common school education. He then learned the general painting business, which he has successfully pursued since becoming a resident of Caldwell. Both as a citizen and in his business relations, Mr. Leonard is esteemed in the community. He is a member of the Baptist Church of Caldwell.

He was married, June 29, 1876, to Laura, daughter of Charles J. Smith and Hannah E. Smith (who after the death of her first husband, became the wife of Abram V. Nelson). Mrs. Laura (Smith) Leonard is an own sister of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, whose death, with her husband, in a recent shocking automobile accident in France, attracted so much attention.

**J**OHN SISCO, of Athenia, Passaic County, was born in the Kingdom of Holland, December 14, 1867, son of Nicholas and Maggie (Hempenius) Sisco. He was brought to this country at the age of five, and has always since lived in Athenia, where he is interested in the dairying business. He is one of the successful and substantial citizens of that place. He married Jennie

DeFries, of Passaic (who also was born in Holland), and has six children, Maggie, Sadie, Nicholas, Shuird, Richard, and Paul.

**J**OHN VANDERHOOF, of Newark, was born in Fairfield, Caldwell Township, Essex County, N. J., on the 13th of December, 1829, tenth child of Richard and Margaret (Speer) Vanderhoof, whose other children were Thomas, Henry, Allen, Maria, Cornelius, Eme-line, Rachel, Margaret, William R., Peter, and Richard. He is a descendant of an old colonial family, whose original American ancestor came from Holland. The father of Mr. Vanderhoof was a farmer, who also pursued the trade of mason. He was a soldier of the War of 1812.

The son was reared on a farm, but at the age of seventeen left home and came to Newark, where he learned the carpenter's trade under the apprenticeship of David Reeves. In 1861 he embarked in business on his own account, and for many years was a builder of prominence, many of the best houses in Newark and that vicinity being erected by him. He is now retired from the active pursuits of life, enjoying the esteem of the community as one of its old and useful citizens. He has been instrumental in the promotion of the success of various building and loan associations, and his influence has uniformly been exercised for the best moral and material interests of

the city in which he resides. He is a member of the Peddie Memorial Church of Newark.

He married, March 4, 1857, Phoebe L., daughter of Stephen B. Minton. Children of this union: William (deceased), Margaret (residing with her parents), Richard (deceased), and Clara (deceased, who married James Coyle).

**A**BRAMHAM W. ZABRISKIE, merchant, of Paterson, was born in Morris County, N. J., May 1, 1859, son of Abraham H., and Celia M. (Dixon) Zabriskie.

Born upon a farm, his early educational advantages were confined to the instruction afforded by the country schools, and his success in life is entirely due to his own exertions. Upon attaining manhood he decided to see something of city life, and went to Newark, where he obtained employment as a salesman, subsequently pursuing the same occupation in Paterson. In the latter city he embarked in business in 1886 with Merritt Ackerman, under the firm style of Zabriskie & Ackerman. This partnership continued until August 28, 1893, when Mr. Zabriskie purchased Mr. Ackerman's interest, and he has since been conducting the business as the exclusive proprietor. In the commercial community of Paterson his reputation is that of a citizen and merchant of enterprise, success, and the highest integrity.

He was married, in Paterson, September 21, 1881, to Emma Cunningham, of that city. Three children have been born of this union: Ethel, Harold (died in childhood), and Eugene.

**H**ERBERT ROY SIPP, of Athenia, Passaic County, N. J., was born in that place, September 28, 1874, son of John I. and Josephine (Campbell) Sipp. He is descended from an old family of the place where he resides, his ancestors having settled there when the locality was known as Centreville. The Sips are of original Hollandish extraction. His mother's family has long been resident in Bergen County, N. J.

Mr. Sipp is engaged in market gardening, and has enjoyed success in that occupation.

He is poormaster of his township, his present term running to March, 1905. He is a member of the Order of Red Men and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

He married Clara M. Grossenbacher. Their children are Ruth and John.

**J**OHN P. LUX, of Nutley, Essex County, was born February 13, 1863, in Buffalo, N. Y., son of Joseph and Mary (Barbier) Lux. He was educated and spent his early life in his native city.

Mr. Lux has been a resident of Nutley for the past sixteen years, and is a prominent and popular citizen of that community. He was for three years a member of the local Board of Education, and in 1900 and 1901 served the public as one of the Township Committee and treasurer of Franklin Township. He is an active and representative Republican. He is a member of Nutley Lodge No. 167, Free and Accepted Masons.

In his business interests Mr. Lux is a successful coal merchant, at present being secretary of the Coal Dealers' Association of Paterson.

He was married, November 10, 1885, to Lucy Broadbent, of Prince George County, Va. Children: Josie P., Edna E., Pearl E., Blanche Marie, and John Edward.

**C**HARLES EDWARD HOYT, a business man and representative citizen of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in New York City, April 25, 1869, his parents being Samuel and Elizabeth (Anderson) Hoyt. His father was engaged in mercantile business in New York City. On the paternal



side he comes from an old Connecticut family, and on the maternal side his ancestors were Scotch.

He received his education in the schools of New York City and Connecticut, and after finishing his studies learned the plumber's trade. He engaged in business for himself in New York City in 1895, but in 1901 removed to Bloomfield, where he opened an establishment at No. 587 Bloomfield Avenue. He has since prosecuted his business there, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Bloomfield.

Mr. Hoyt is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles L. and Georgetta (Phelps) Stone, and has three children, Beatrice, Frank Bradford, and Marion.

**W**ILBUR BOND GOULD, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born in that township on the 2d of September, 1862, his parents being Caleb H. and Sarah E. (Jacobus)

Gould. Mr. Wilbur B. Gould was the eldest of four children, the other members of the paternal family being Nellie (deceased), Mahlon, and Henry (deceased). His father was a farmer.

Mr. Gould received a country school education, and as a lad was engaged in farm work, also learning the trade of carpenter and joiner. About the year 1888 he embarked in the building business for himself in Caldwell, and, enjoying success, gradually en-



larged his operations, becoming prominent as a contractor. He is one of the representative substantial citizens of Caldwell, occupying a handsome residence on Hillside Avenue.

Believing that the legalized selling of intoxicating liquors is an evil which demands repression by the Government, and that the issue thus existing is the most important one of our times, Mr. Gould is a supporter of the principles of the Prohibition party.

He is a director in the Caldwell Building and Loan Association, and a member of Caldwell Lodge No. 59, F. and A. M.

He was married, on the 20th of November, 1844, to Mary L., daughter of George E. and Sarah Ann Mead.

**A**LPHEUS TERHUNE, of Paterson, merchant, was born at Dundee Lake, Bergen County, N. J., October 25, 1865. He is a great-great-grandson of Albert and Maria Terhune, of Hackensack, Bergen County, N. J., or that vicinity, the line of descent being as follows:

I. Albert and Maria Terhune, of Hackensack, had eight children, five sons and three daughters. Their youngest son was

II. Albert Terhune, born April 12, 1771, died October 26, 1831. He married Ann Snyder, who was born February 22, 1773, and died May 27, 1848. To

them were born three sons and two daughters, the youngest son being

III. Thomas Terhune, born November 5, 1802, died December 10, 1852. He married Leah Ann Quackenbush, August 20, 1825, and had seven children, the eldest being

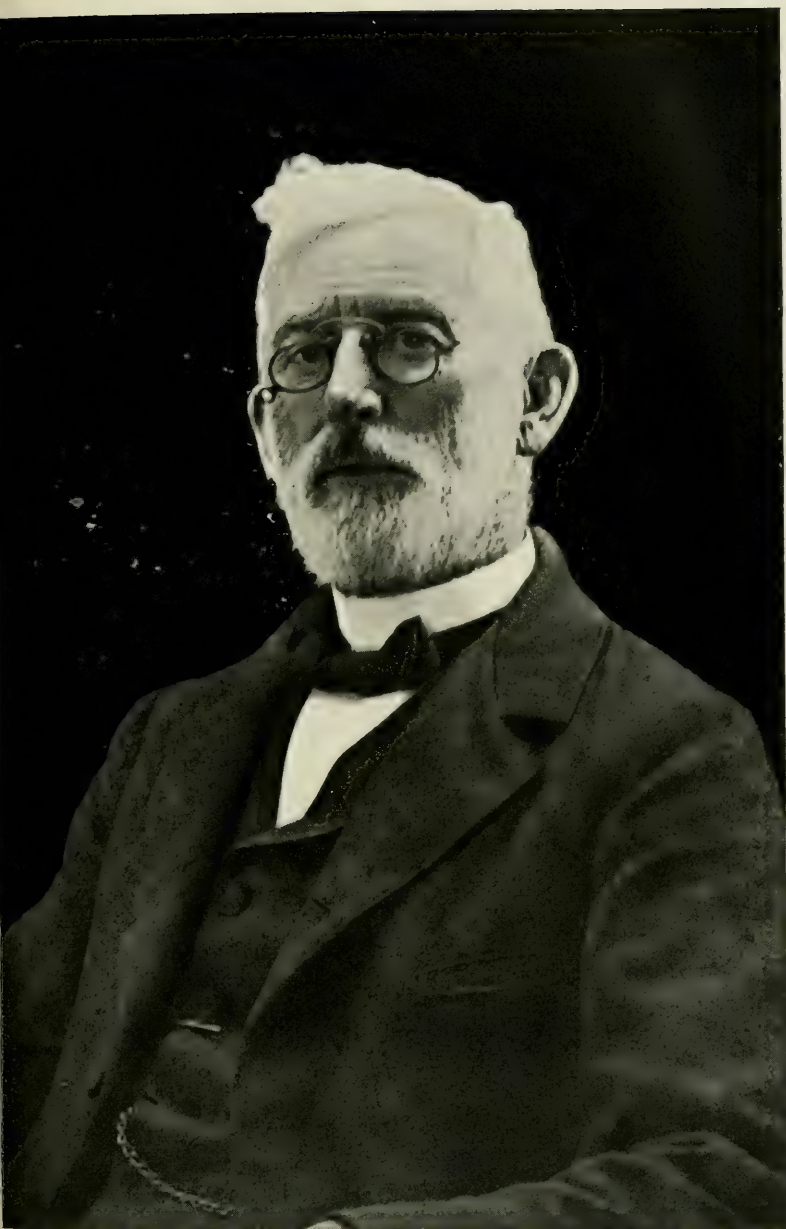
IV. Albert Terhune, born December 28, 1826, who married for his second wife Helen Ann Van Riper, and by her had five children, of whom one is

V. Alpheus Terhune.

As is well known, the Terhunes are one of the oldest families of New Jersey, descending from Hollandish ancestors.

Alpheus Terhune was born and reared on a farm, and received a public school education. After leaving the parental home he started in the grocery business in Paterson, in which he has since continued, and he is one of the successful and well known merchants of that city.

He was married, October 17, 1891, to Ella Van Wagoner. Their children are Helen, born July 2, 1892; Albert Seymour, born April 24, 1893; Raymond, born June 13, 1897; Clarence, born November 11, 1899; John, born August 14, 1901, and Walter, born October 12, 1903.



THEODORE WILLIAM PHOENIX



**T**HEODORE WILLIAM PHOENIX, throughout his life an honored citizen of Mendham, Morris County, prominently identified with the mercantile community, and also a faithful and efficient public servant, was born at Mendham, February 9, 1832, his parents being William and Amy Phoenix.

Mr. Phoenix received a good public school education at his native place. Embarking in mercantile business, he established a successful general store, which he conducted until shortly before his death. He also devoted some of his attention to real estate and insurance interests. He was in all respects a useful and public-spirited citizen, whose influence was exercised in many ways for the progress and welfare of the village and who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who came in association with him.

He served for one term (1869) as a member of the New Jersey Legislature. From 1877 to 1885 he was deputy-collector of Internal Revenue for Morris County. He occupied the position of postmaster of Mendham (with the exception of the years during Cleveland's administration) from 1880 until his death, which occurred at his home in Mendham, April 19, 1902.

Mr. Phoenix was married, March 4, 1865, to Margaret Rolston Nesbitt. He is survived by one son, William Nesbitt Phoenix.



**H**ENRY GOTTSCHALK, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born in New York City, February 14, 1867, son of Gottfried and Frederica Gottschalk. His father was born in New York, and his mother in Dresden, Germany, both being now deceased. By occupation Mr. Gottschalk's father was a carpenter.

His son received his education in New York City, where also he learned the trade of carriage trimming, at which he was employed for a number of years. In August, 1891, he engaged in the hotel business at Pine Brook, N. J., an enterprise in which he proved successful and in which he still continues. The establishment conducted by Mr. Gottschalk is one of the most popular and creditable in that portion of New Jersey.

He is one of the representative Republicans of his section. He is a member of the Caldwell Building and Loan Association and Bloomfield Lodge No. 788, B. P. O. E.

Mr. Gottschalk was married, in 1899, to Helen Gallagher.

**G**EORGE WASHINGTON VREELAND, of Passaic, was born in that place on the 22d of February, 1865, son of Benjamin and Rachel Vreeland, his mother's family having been of

Dundee, Bergen County, N. J. Two of his ancestors in the direct line, Paul Vreeland and Benjamin, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and the Vreeland Family has always been one of prominence and eminent respectability since an early colonial period.

Mr. Vreeland is engaged in business as a florist, and occupies a position of high personal standing in the community.

He married Albertina Braeger, and has two children, Ida May and Bertha.

**C**HARLES K. FERGUSON, a representative young business man of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in New York City, September 25, 1868. His parents, Alexander and Janet (Gillespie) Ferguson, were natives of Scotland, coming to America in early life. They are now living in Bloomfield.

Mr. Ferguson was educated in the schools of New York City and Bloomfield, learned the trade of moulder from his father, and in 1888 engaged in business for himself in Bloomfield. He has been successful in his enterprise.

He married Emma Bowker, daughter of William Bowker, and has one daughter, Ellen.

**N**OA HAMPSON, of Bloomfield, Essex County, son of Caleb and Sarah (Howarth) Hampson, was born in England, July 31, 1855. He was brought to this country by his parents in his infancy, and his early years were spent in Philadelphia, where his father was engaged in the blacksmithing business. Subsequently the family removed to Paterson, N. J., and, following a natural bent for mechanical pursuits, he entered the Rogers Locomotive Works, where he became an expert artisan. About 1886 he accepted a position with the Hedden Construction Company of Bloomfield, N. J., with which he has since continued. During the past twelve years he has occupied the position of superintendent in the works of this company.

Mr. Hampson is a well known citizen of Bloomfield, and in various ways has taken an active and useful part in local matters. He is one of the representative Republicans of the place. He is a stockholder in the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association, a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association, and chairman of the State Executive Association of Firemen. He is also past commander of the Bloomfield Lodge of Maccabees, and is one of the leading members of the Elks.



JOHN W. DE BAUN



He was married, in 1873, to Jane E. Taylor. Two children have been born to them, both of whom are now deceased.

**J**OHAN W. DE BAUN, of Fairfield, Essex County, is a native of Odessa, Schuyler County, N. Y., where his birth occurred on the 25th of October, 1858.

The De Baun Family is of French origin, descending from Joseph De Baun, who came to America from Holland in colonial times. Mr. De Baun's father was born in Bergen County, N. J., in 1813, and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged in early life, finally coming to Essex County, N. J., from Schuyler County, N. Y., and in 1866 established his home in Caldwell Township, where he followed agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his life. He died January 24, 1895. The mother of Mr. John W. De Baun was a daughter of William Folley, of Bergen County, N. J.; she was born July 9, 1818, and died December 3, 1897. Children of John and Letty (Folley) De Baun: Abram (living in Paterson, N. J.); Maria (wife of Charles C. Harvey, of Schuyler County, N. Y.); Catherine (wife of Adonile King); Jeremiah R. (who was a member of Company G., One Hundred and Ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service of his country toward the close of the Civil War); Peter (living in Minneapolis, Minn.); Ella O. (wife of



John H. Pier); Emma O. (wife of Edward P. Bush), John W. (subject of our sketch), and Amos.

John W. De Baun accompanied his parents on their removal from New York State to Essex County, N. J., and continued on the paternal farm until the age of twenty-four. He then, with a limited capital, purchased a farm at Fairfield, for which he had previously arranged, and engaged actively in the business of market gardening, being the pioneer farmer of his locality in that particular department of agriculture. He was the first to begin regular trips with garden truck from the vicinity of Fairfield to the Newark market. His present handsome property, Meadow Brook, was purchased in the fall of 1898. His career in his chosen occupation has been eminently successful, and he is one of the men of mark and influence in his community, serving as a director of the Caldwell National Bank. He is one of the leading advocates of the principles of the Republican party in that section. He has been honored by his fellow-citizens by election to positions of trust, having served as member and chairman of the Township Committee of Caldwell Township, member of the School Board, and in other capacities.

He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and a member of Caldwell Lodge, F. and A. M.

Mr. De Baun was married, in Boston, Mass., December 25, 1883, to Miss Abbie M. Kimball, daughter of Washington Kimball, of Buckport, Me. Their

children are Inez W., Roscoe W., Ruth Edna, John W., Jr., and Sadie A.

**H**ENRY MANDEVILLE VAN HOUTEN, of Totowa, Passaic County, is a representative member of the substantial agricultural class of New Jersey, a citizenship not surpassed in the country for intelligence, integrity, and loyalty to every private and public duty. He was born in Totowa on the 9th of January, 1847, son of Henry I. and Anna B. (Doremus) Van Houten, both of whom were descended from forefathers who came to America from Holland in early colonial times.

Mr. Van Houten has always followed the agricultural pursuits to which he was reared. In addition to general farming, he is engaged in the dairying business.

He married, October 31, 1872, Mary Mitchell, of Preakness, N. J. Twelve children have been born of this union: Cora, Alice, Warren, Sarah, Ernest, Myra, Clinton, Kittie, Olive, Mary, Guy, and Amy. The two last named died in infancy.

**F**REDERICK RAYMOND COOK, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born in Hanover, Morris County, N. J., December 3, 1869, son of James and Hannah Maria (McChesney) Cook, grandson of Benjamin Cook, and great-grandson of William Cook, all of whom resided at Hanover. Benjamin Cook, his grandfather, was an undertaker, and James Cook, (the father of Frederick R. Cook) succeeded him in that occupation, in which he is still engaged at Hanover.

Frederick Raymond Cook was educated in the public schools of New Jersey. In 1890, at the age of twenty, he embarked in the undertaking business at Caldwell. He has since pursued this business with success, also devoting some attention to the trade in furniture. He is one of the representative and prominent young men of his community.

Mr. Cook was married, September 22, 1895, to Miss Wilhelmina Voorhees.

**C**HRISTIAN A. ZABRISKIE, of Passaic, was born March 14, 1829. He descends from one of the earliest colonial families of New Jersey. The Zabriskies were originally of Polish extraction, and according to tradition the family sprang from one of the kings of Poland.

The grandparents of Mr. Zabriskie were Christian

A. Zabriskie (born February 22, 1751) and Maria Van Winkle (born 1759). Three sons were born to this couple, Cornelius, Andrew, and Abram C.

Abram C. Zabriskie was born May 3, 1791, and married Maria Anderson (born February 15, 1799), who was the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Anderson. They were married October 16, 1818, and had three children, Eliza, born June 23, 1820, Maria, born April 30, 1823, and Christian A., born March 14, 1829.

Christian A. Zabriskie received his education in select schools. His early life was passed upon the paternal farm. For twenty-four years he was successfully engaged in the milling business. During the past ten years he has been living in retirement from active business pursuits. One of the oldest citizens of Passaic, he has always occupied a position of the highest standing in that community.

Mr. Zabriskie was married, first, October 11, 1849, to Jane Maria Cadmus. Of three daughters born of this union only one now survives, Mary, wife of William F. Gaston, the well-known lawyer of Passaic. Mrs. Jane Maria Zabriskie died April 20, 1860.

He married, second, November 12, 1862, Rachel Zabriskie, who bore him one son, John, who died October 2, 1866. The mother died January 17, 1869.

His third marriage (October 18, 1870) was to Sarah L. Andruss, who died April 12, 1902. Children of this union: Annie A., born November 7,

1871, died April 29, 1891; and Myra Van Houten, born April 27, 1873.

Mr. Zabriskie is a member and elder of the First Reformed Church.

**A**LBERT ZABRISKIE, of Paterson, was born in Montville, Morris County, N. J., September 9, 1854. He was reared on his father's farm, receiving a public school education. At the age of eighteen he entered the mercantile establishment of H. B. Crosby & Son, in Paterson, subsequently serving in a similar capacity in Newark.

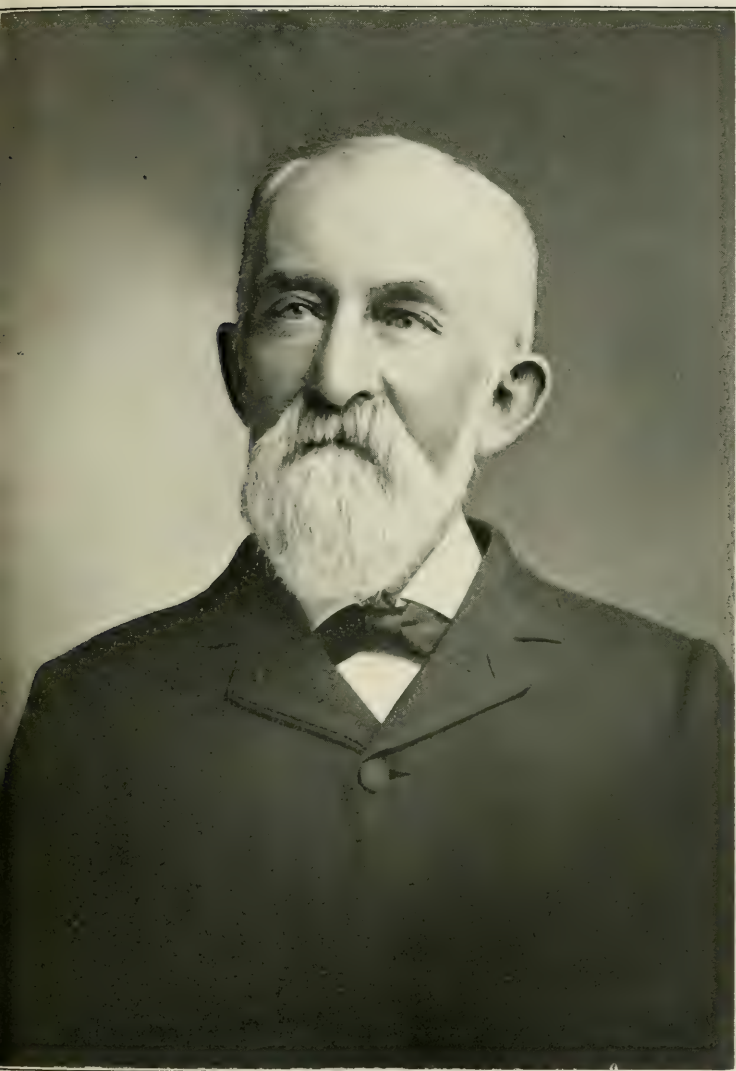
In 1884 Mr. Zabriskie purchased the livery establishment of John D. Hogan, on River Street, Paterson. He has since prosecuted the business with a high degree of success. Extensive additions were made in 1900, including a much larger building on Godwin Street, a sales stable, and a store for the sale of carriages, wagons, and harness. His livery and sales stables are the largest and best equipped in Paterson, and he enjoys a personal reputation as one of the most representative and progressive members of the business community of the city.

In addition he is president of the American Chemical Company.

He is a member of the Hamilton Club of Paterson, and of the Order of Heptasophs.

Mr. Zabriskie was married, in Paterson, December





RICHARD SPEER





25, 1882, to Elizabeth Mahar. They have four children, Albert J., Louisa, Elizabeth, and Charles.

**M**AJOR RICHARD SPEER, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born at Pine Brook, N. J., June 29, 1839, son of Josiah and Mary Ann Speer.

The Speer Family has been prominent in that portion of New Jersey for three generations. Mr. Speer's grandfather, Major Richard Speer, was a native of Caldwell Township, having been born in 1778. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, attaining the rank of major, and was a representative and influential citizen of his community, where he died August 3, 1838. His son, Josiah Speer (born April 2, 1803, died March 22, 1877), also resided in Caldwell Township. He served as justice of the peace for twenty-six years, and for several terms was a representative in the General Assembly. His wife, Mary Ann Speer, was born in Fairfield, Essex County, N. J., October 11, 1804, and died January 18, 1894.

Richard Speer, their son, received his education in the schools of Caldwell Township, and under the personal direction of his mother, a lady of culture and refinement. At an early age he became engaged in business as a builder. Removing in 1864 to Montclair, N. J., he established himself there as a general contractor and builder, and in this enterprise soon ac-

quired extensive patronage. Subsequently he was for some time successfully engaged in similar pursuits in Parkersburg, W. Va., but in 1884 returned to his native place, Caldwell Township, where he resumed the contracting and building business in conjunction with real estate and insurance.

He has made judicious investments in realty, and handles a large amount of property, from the sales of which he has derived a comfortable competence. He still continues to prosecute these interests, occupying a recognized position as one of the most prominent business men and most representative and useful citizens of his portion of New Jersey.

Major Speer is one of the active and influential men of the Republican party in Essex County. For twelve years he was a member of the Essex County Republican Central Committee, and he has frequently been a delegate to county and State conventions. For a period of six years he served the public as a member of the Board of Freeholders.

He is a member of Caldwell Lodge No. 59, F. & A. M., and Caldwell Lodge No. 202, I. O. O. F. He was an active member of the Verona Methodist Episcopal Church, and served fifteen years as a member of the board of trustees. He is now a member of the board of stewards of the Caldwell Methodist Episcopal Church, and was one of its founders.

He was married, December 25, 1861, to Joannah, daughter of Peter and Abigail Francisco, of Fairfield, Essex County, N. J. She died two years later. Major

Speer was again married, May 13, 1868, to Rachel, daughter of Stephen J. and Joannah Gould, of Caldwell. Their family consisted of five children, all of whom are deceased except Stephen J., a leading business man of Caldwell.

**P**ETER J. DOREMUS, of Paterson, was born in Pacquenac, Passaic County, N. J., September 27, 1841, his parents being Nicholas J. and Elizabeth (Haring) Doremus. He is a descendant of the old Doremus family of New Jersey, one of the earliest of the original Dutch families of this State.

Mr. Doremus was educated in the public schools of Passaic County and Jersey City. He has been a citizen of Preakness since 1862, and is one of the substantial and highly esteemed men of that place. In 1881 and 1882 he served as a member of the Board of Freeholders of Passaic County. He has been engaged partly in agricultural pursuits and partly in the milling business.

He married, October 2, 1862, Maria Traphagen, of Preakness, N. J. Their children are J. Traphagen, Fannie Fowler, Elizabeth Haring, J. Wortendyke, Martha Sickles, and William Sickles.

**T**HOMAS CLEMENTS, of Nutley, manufacturer, was born in Canterbury, England, April 19, 1843, son of Thomas and Sarah Clements, both of whom were of English birth and ancestry. He received his education and spent his early life in his native country, coming to America in 1872, and settling in Newark. Throughout his residence in this country Mr. Clements has been engaged in the leather goods manufacturing business, in which he has enjoyed success.

He is a prominent citizen of Nutley, where he has served the public as a member of the School Board. He has always been active in religious concerns; was formerly a lay preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also serving other denominations, but is now a Congregationalist. He is a member of the Franklin Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Clements was married, in 1867, to Miss Catherine Hartley, of Walsall, England. The children born of this marriage are William H., Frederick K., Lillian, Edgar T., Florence May, and Wilbur Garfield.

**WILLIAM HARTLEY CLEMENTS**, eldest son of Thomas Clements, was born in Walsall, England, February 25, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of Newark, N. J. Mr. Clements is associated in business with his father, the firm style being T. Clements & Son. He is a member of the

Congregational Church. He was married, at Rose-land, N. J., to Miss Emma L. Williams, and has one child, Marjorie.

**L**EWIS M. COLLINS, chief of police of Bloomfield, was born in that place on the 18th of August, 1857, son of Isaac and Catharine (Groshon) Collins. He received his early education in the Bloomfield schools, later taking a two years' course at Newton College, Sussex County, N. J.

Mr. Collins was appointed to the office of chief of police of Bloomfield in 1899, having previously served as patrolman for six years. His administration of this responsible office has given the highest satisfaction to the community, and as a citizen he is one of the representative men of Bloomfield.

He was married, June 17, 1880, to Antoinette Stamp, of Orange County, N. Y. They have three children, Florence, George, and Helen.

**A**LFRD JAMES GILBY, of Belle-ville, Essex County, a successful busi-ness man and prominent public official, was born in London, England, April 21, 1870, his parents being Joseph and Mary Ann (Burroughs) Gilby. The family came to this country when he was two years old, and settled in Belleville, where he has always since lived.



Mr. Gilby is engaged in business as a plumbing and heating contractor, and enjoys a high personal reputation. He is one of the most popular citizens of his community. He has served the public with great credit as Board of Health inspector, and is now fire commissioner of Belleville, a position to which he was elected May 30, 1903, for a term of three years.

He was for five years a member of the First Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey, during that period serving as sergeant and corporal. He is a member of Belleville Lodge No. 108, F. and A. M., of the Improved Order of Red Men, of the Foresters of America, of the Modern Woodmen, and of Heller's File Makers' Relief Association.

In 1894 Mr. Gilby was married to Miss Charlotte S. Whitehouse. They have had four children, Stanley Roland, Elsie Odell (deceased), Roger Raymond, and Hazel Mildred.

**G**EORGE W. HEATH, postmaster of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Asbury, Warren County, N. J., November 7, 1850, son of Lewis and Mary A. (Apgar) Heath. He is of original English descent on his father's side and of Hollandish descent on his mother's.

He was educated in the New Jersey schools, completing his studies in the high school of Raritan, N. J. Throughout most of his life he has been engaged

in mercantile business, but at present devotes himself almost exclusively to his official duties. He was appointed assistant-postmaster of Bloomfield in 1888, and was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt January 20, 1902. Mr. Heath has made a record as a highly conscientious and valuable public servant. His personal reputation in the community where he resides is that of one of the best citizens, actively interested in the substantial and moral welfare of the place. He is a life-long Republican, and for some ten years served as member of the Republican County Committee.

For a period of nine years he held the position of treasurer of the Park Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a director of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association, and is the financier of the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

In 1871 Mr. Heath was married to Susie M., daughter of Aaron and Mary J. Miller. He has one child, Archie, who married Miss Agnes MacMahon, of Newark.

**T**HOMAS SEABROOKE CALLAN, of Lambertville, Hunterdon County, was born in Avondale, Delaware County, Pa., January 29, 1865, son of James and Katherine Callan. Both his parents were natives of Ireland. His father was successfully engaged in railroad contracting.

The son received a public school education at Lambertville, N. J., subsequently graduating in pharmacy at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. From 1882 to 1896 he was in the drug trade in Lambertville, retiring from this interest to engage in the hotel business, in which he still continues. He is one of the leading members of the business community of Lambertville.

Dr. Callan is a public spirited and influential citizen, and has long been identified with the political affairs of his locality and county. He was a member of the City Council of Lambertville from 1886 to 1892; coroner of Hunterdon County from 1895 to 1898, and member of the Board of Freeholders of Hunterdon County from 1899 to 1903.

He is a member of the Brotherhood of the Union, Amwell Circle No. 48, of Lambertville.

He was married, October 29, 1893, at Trenton, N. J., to Annie Fury.

**F**RANK CHARLES BUCHER, an enterprising business man of Bloomfield, and one of the representative citizens of that community, was born in Germany, May 13, 1865, son of Frank Charles and Anna Mary (Bucher) Bucher. His parents continued in the old country, but the son, in 1882, at the age of seventeen, came to America, settling in Newark. Here he learned the general baking business. Removing to

Bloomfield, he established himself (1890) in this industry on his own account, and enjoying a steady success, he has become known as one of the most substantial self-made men of the community.

Mr. Bucher has always had a high conception of his duties to his adopted country, deeming it the obligation of every citizen to take an interest in the concerns of the community where he resides, and also to contribute his share to the support of such principles of government as he believes are for the best welfare of the country. He is an earnest Republican, and has at various times been a delegate to conventions, and in other ways has exercised an influence in behalf of his party.

He is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. and A. M., Eureka Lodge No. 46, K. of P., the Bloomfield Lodge of Elks, No. 788, and the Bakers' Society of Newark.

He was married, in 1888, to Jennie A., daughter of Richard J. and Catharine (Kings) Maxwell. There are two living children of this union, Frank Charles and Florence Jeanette. Another child, Marian Louise, died December 20, 1901, aged six years and five months.

**A**LBERT LOPPACKER, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in the City of Newark, N. J., April 13, 1869. Both his parents, John and Eliza (Widener) Loppacker, were of Swiss birth, their marriage, however, having occurred in this country.

He received a public school education in Newark, New York City, and Morristown, N. J., learned the machinist's trade at Glen Cove, Long Island, and in 1897 opened an establishment in Bloomfield devoted to general machine work, automobiles, etc. In this enterprise he has been successful, and he is known as one of the substantial and progressive business men of Bloomfield.

He is a member of Essex Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, in which he has been active.

He married Etta, daughter of William H. Meslar, of Morristown. They have five children, Alberta, Catrina, Raymond, Everett, and Beatrice.

**R**OBINSON J. M. CHASE, postmaster of Nutley, Essex County, was born in Smithfield, R. I., June 12, 1832, and is of New England ancestry. His parents were Cromwell and Lucetta (Mowry) Chase. His early life was spent in New England.

Mr. Chase has been a resident of Nutley since June,





JAMES H. TERRILL





1879. He was appointed postmaster of that place by President Roosevelt on the 18th of February, 1902, and his service in that position of trust has been faithful and creditable. One of the old citizens of his community (now in his seventy-third year), he is esteemed for his high personal character and for the useful influence which he has exercised.

Mr. Chase married Mary G. Darling, of Millville, Mass., having by this union two children, William E. and Mabel J. He married, second, Florence Finch, of Passaic, N. J., by whom he has one child, William Earle, born May 16, 1904.

**H**ON. JAMES HALSEY TERRILL, mayor of the City of Rahway, was born in that city on the 22d of October, 1861, son of Stewart C. and Margaret V. (Halsey) Terrill. On his mother's side he is a grandson of John L. and Sarah N. (Oliver) Halsey, and a great-grandson of Caleb and Sophia (La Grange) Halsey. Both the Terrills and Halseys were among the early settlers of Elizabethtown, and have always ranked among the best old families of New Jersey.

Mr. Terrill received his education in the public schools of Rahway. With a view to adopting the profession of pharmacy he entered the New York College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated. In his chosen occupation he has enjoyed a marked degree

of success. He conducts a large pharmacy establishment in Rahway, the principal concern of its kind in that city.

A public spirited citizen, active and influential in all the local affairs of Rahway, he has been honored by election to the mayoralty of the city, an office in which he still continues. Previously to his election to this position he served for a term and a half as a member of the Board of Education. He was formerly an active member of the Rahway Fire Department, and is at present acting trustee of one of the companies of that organization.

He is a trustee of the Second Presbyterian Church and a member of Carteret Council, Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Terrill married Ida R. Anderson, daughter of Henry F. and Isabella R. Anderson. They have one child, Stewart R. Terrill, born January 5, 1899.

**J**OHAN ANTHONY BRADY, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born in Montville, Morris County, N. J., May 29, 1865. His parents were Patrick Brady, who was born in County Caven, Ireland, and died November 27, 1894, aged sixty-four, and Ellen E. (Cullen) Brady, born in Donegal, Ireland, who died March 16, 1900, aged sixty-six.

He received a good common school education in his native place, and until his sixteenth year continued with his parents on the farm, subsequently being en-

gaged in business in New York City for four years. He was then for a time in business with his brother Gilbert in Montclair, under the firm name of Brady Brothers, and later was in mercantile business in New-ark. In 1899 he removed to Caldwell, purchasing the Caldwell House. In this establishment he instituted marked improvements, and under his management it has become known as one of the best conducted public houses in New Jersey.

Mr. Brady is a member of the Brotherhood of the Union and the Heptasophs.

April 29, 1903, he was married to Miss Florence M. Kelley, of Washington, D. C.

**C**ORNELIUS KEVITT, of Montclair, was born in Passaic, N. J., November 14, 1865, son of Nicholas and Nellie (Bosloper) Kevitt. He was educated in the schools of Richfield, N. J. He has long been successfully engaged as a general contractor, and is one of the well-known men of his portion of New Jersey.

Mr. Kevitt was for many years a popular citizen of Passaic, where for six years he served as alderman from the Third Ward, being the youngest man ever elected to the position in that city.

He married, July 28, 1886, Lavenia Doremus, and has four children, Arthur, Andrew D., Cornelius, Jr., and Amy D.

**L**OUIS J. BEYER, a public official of Essex County, was born in the city of Newark (where he still resides), December 20, 1861, his parents being Carl and Louisa Beyer. He is descended from respectable German families.

He was educated in the public schools and Bryant's Business College. He is an active Republican, and since 1898 has been one of the members of the Board of Freeholders of Essex County. He was the organizer of the Young German American Association, and is a member of the West End Republican Club, the Seventh Ward Republican Club, and other organizations.

Mr. Beyer was married, in 1883, to Louisa Ortel.

**M**ARTIN BOWER, of Little Falls,, Passaic County, was born at Great Notch, in that county, November 22, 1856, son of Bulcer Bower and Delia (Shafer) Bower. His father was a farmer, who settled in Great Notch about 1846, and the son has also been engaged throughout his life in agricultural pursuits, enjoying substantial success and a high personal standing in the community. Mr. Bower married, in June, 1878, Miss Annie Chanct, of Great Notch, N. J. Six children have been born to them, William, Martin, John, Mary, Elizabeth, and Frederick.

**P**HILIP DESENT, of Montclair, Essex County, prominently identified with the business interests of that community, was born June 24, 1875. He was brought to this country in his childhood, and his boyhood was spent in Newark, where he was educated.

Having a natural bent for mechanical and inventive occupations, he acquired a thorough training as a practical machinist. In this connection his attention became attracted by the large development of the automobile interest, and he has very successfully applied himself to this and similar lines of business activity. He conducts two establishments, one in Montclair and the other in Bloomfield, devoted to the manufacture and jobbing of automobile and bicycle materials. His residence is at Kearney.

Mr. Desent is a public spirited citizen, active in politics, his affiliations being with the Republican party. He has considerable real estate interests in Kearney and Newark.

He was married, May 15, 1892, to Josephina Rino, and has one child.



**W**ILLIAM D. BERDAN, of Totowa, Passaic County, was born on the homestead of the Berdan Family at Upper Preakness, N. J., January 2, 1838, his parents being Jacob A. Berdan and Cathalina, daughter of Rev. John Demarest. He is descended from ancestors who came to America from Holland. Mr. Berdan has always been engaged in farming pursuits, and is one of the representative men of that occupation in his portion of New Jersey.

He served as assessor of Manchester Township from 1874 to 1890, was re-elected in 1891, and continued in the position until the borough was formed in 1898. Since 1900 he has held the office of assessor of Totowa Borough. He is a leading Republican.

He was married, December 24, 1860, to Eliza J. Van Riper, of Totowa. Their children are William H., Cyrus, James, Schuyler, Catharine, Raymond, and Alida.

**R**OBERT BETTS, of Bloomfield, Essex County, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Scudder) Betts, was born in New York City, March 19, 1864. His father became a resident of Montclair, N. J., in 1879, subsequently removing to Bloomfield, where he is still living.

The son was educated in the schools of Brooklyn,

N. Y., learned color printing, and has since been employed in the printing business. He is now superintendent of the Nevins Church Press, whose works are at Glen Ridge, N. J.

He is a stockholder in the Essex County Building Association, and is a member of Bloomfield Lodge, F. and A. M.

Mr. Betts married Caroline Olive Gilson, daughter of Stephen and Mary Gilson. Children: Robert, Stephen, Harold, Ruth, and Blanche.

**T**UNIS GARRABRANT is a successful farmer of Brookdale, Essex County, and ranks among the leading and most respected citizens of that community.

His fine property is a portion of the homestead farm owned and cultivated by his father, who in his days was a prominent and honored man of the place.

John T. Garrabrant, father of Mr. Tunis Garrabrant, was born January 3, 1800, and died December 31, 1870. He was three times married: First to Ellen Pexton, November 20, 1822, by whom he had one child, Eliza; second to Sivey Yereance, who bore him three children, Catherine, Abraham, and Jared, and third to Nancy Carhuff, the offspring of this marriage being Ellen J. (deceased), Tunis, and Annie (deceased). His third wife, Nancy, was born August 7, 1841, and died October 14, 1883.

Tunis Garrabrant, the only son and only surviving child of John T. and Nancy (Carhuff) Garrabrant, was born on the home farm at Brookdale (formerly Stone House Plains), July 27, 1855. He was educated in the schools of Brookdale and Newark. Throughout his life he has been engaged in agricultural occupations at his native place. In addition to his farming pursuits, he conducts a coal business.

Mr. Garrabrant is an active and influential Republican, and has served as a member of the County Committee of his party. He is a member of the Order of Elks.

He married, October 4, 1876, Amelia K., daughter of E. C. Fuller, of Montclair. Children of this union: Mary B., Edith (deceased), Josephine, Edwin C., Harry (deceased), Grace, and Florence.

**H**ENRY FREDERICK BANTA, of Nutley, Essex County, was born in Franklin, N. J., July 15, 1873, son of William H. and Mary C. (Preston) Banta, and grandson of John Banta. He received a public school education in his native place. Mr. Banta is successfully engaged in the ice business, and is one of the representative young business men of his portion of New Jersey. He is active in the local affairs of his community, and has taken much interest in the Volunteer Fire Depart-



CYRUS B. CRANE



ment of Nutley, in which he holds the position of foreman.

He is a member of Crystal Lodge No. 32, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Banta was married, October 15, 1901, to Mary C. Dinneen, and has one child, Mary Clare.

**C**YRUS BALDWIN CRANE, of Caldwell, was born in Westville, Caldwell Township, Essex County, N. J., October 21, 1843.

He is a grandson of Colonel Cyrus and Hannah Crane, whose children were Dorcas (married Demas Harrison), Asher, Joseph Marcus, Mary (married George A. Pierson), Marcia (married Aaron G. Baldwin), and Sarah (married Cyrus F. Harrison). Colonel Cyrus Crane was an officer of the New Jersey State militia.

Mr. Crane's father, Asher Crane, was born November 30, 1809, and died March 4, 1888. He was a farmer—a man of decided force of character, highly esteemed, and was an officer in the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. Asher Crane was twice married, first to Eunice Baldwin, by whom he had two children, Cyrus Baldwin (subject of our sketch) and Joseph Emmons (deceased), and second to Joanna Harrison, who also bore him two children, Mary E. (deceased) and Marcus Spencer.

Cyrus Baldwin Crane received his education in the



schools of his neighborhood and at the Newark Academy, also having the advantage of private instruction from Arthur B. Noll, of Caldwell. He has been engaged for most of his life in farming pursuits, and is numbered among the staunch citizens of his community. He has served in the public capacities of town committeeman and commissioner of appeals. He is one of the representative Republicans of Caldwell. For two terms he has served as one of the board of directors of the State Agricultural College, connected with Rutgers College.

Mr. Crane is one of the managers of the Montclair Savings Bank, is a member and has held official position in the Caldwell Presbyterian Church, and is a member and former officer of the Temple of Honor.

He married, first, November 9, 1881, Elizabeth Stiles, by whom he has two children, Alice Stiles and William Asher. She died September 2, 1890, and Mr. Crane married, second, April 2, 1892, Julia M. Stiles.

**J**OSEPH HENRY BEDELL, of Livingston, was born at Babylon, Long Island, August 16, 1846. His parents, who were married October 22, 1845, were Henry Bedell (born December 3, 1821, died February 1, 1889) and Mary Frances (Howell) Bedell (born September 27, 1822, died January 26, 1901). Mr. Bedell's maternal grandfather was Israel Howell, of the old and

notable Howell Family of Long Island. He was active in public affairs, was a prominent Mason, and was financially interested in whaling vessels.

During Mr. Bedell's childhood the family removed to New York City, where his father was for thirty years a member of the police force.

The son received a public school education in the metropolis. In 1864, at the age of eighteen, he went to sea, and for the next thirty years led a seafaring life, engaged in various capacities, principally as chief steward of steamships. During this period he visited many parts of the globe.

In 1878 he purchased his place in Livingston Township. Here he has made fine improvements, and his farm is one of the finest in that portion of New Jersey. He devotes his attention principally to the raising of poultry and cultivation of small fruits.

He is a member of Americus Lodge No. 535 (New York City), F. and A. M., and of Oceola Council (Livingston), J. O. U. A. M.

He was married, in 1872, to Sophie L. McCreery, and has three children, Joseph Q., Mary E., and Irene M.

**W**ALTER FORWOOD HAYHURST, of Lambertville, a prominent member of the legal profession, ex-prosecutor of the pleas of Hunterdon County, and incumbent at various times of leading public offices in his community, was born in Attleborough, Bucks County, Pa., September 21, 1858, his parents being Dr. Jeremiah Hayhurst (a dentist by profession) and Mary E. (Forwood) Hayhurst. He is a lineal descendant of Cuthbert Hayhurst, a minister of the Society of Friends from Yorkshire, England, who came to America in the ship *Welcome* in 1662 and took land of William Penn in Bucks County, Pa. On his mother's side his first ancestor in this country was William Forwood, who was born in Ireland and in 1692 settled in Brandywine Hundred, Delaware.

Mr. Hayhurst received his education in the public schools and under private instruction, and was admitted to the bar of New Jersey as an attorney in February, 1880, and as counsellor in 1883.

He has served the public, successively, in the offices of surveyor of Lambertville, city solicitor of Lambertville, and (1896 to 1901) prosecutor of the pleas of Hunterdon County.

He has long been prominently identified with the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past grand chancellor and supreme representative for the State of New Jersey. He is also a member of the Independent

Order of Odd Fellows. He is treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Lambertville.

He married, at Lambertville, November 4, 1883, Miss Florence Mott, and has two children, Cuthbert and Sidney B.

**M**ELANCTON HOLDEN COURTER, an old and much esteemed citizen of Caldwell, Essex County, was born in that community on the 10th of August, 1838, son of Elias S. and Maria (Post) Courter. Both his father and his grandfather, John E. Courter (who married Sophie Gould and lived to an advanced age), were farmers and were residents of Caldwell Township. The parental family consisted of ten children, Rachel A., Mary C., Marcus, Harriet, George, Susan, Henry, Melancton Holden, Edward C., and another who died in infancy. The mother of Mr. Courter was a member of the Reformed Church of Fairfield, N. J.

He was reared, educated, and has always resided in his native place. Mr. Courter is engaged in the manufacture of harness, and is one of the substantial members of the business community, a reputation also sustained by his brother, Edward C. Courter, who is a well-known jeweller in Caldwell. He is a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church of Caldwell.

Mr. Courter married, October 17, 1861, Harriet

L. Lockwood, daughter of Dr. John T. Lockwood. Children of this union: Editha L., Florence L., and Melvin H.

**M**ICHAEL N. HIGGINS, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in that place, June 16, 1862, son of Thomas and Ann (Rogers) Higgins. He was educated in his native community, where he has always resided. During the past eighteen years he has been actively and successfully engaged in the ice trade in Bloomfield and Montclair, occupying a position as one of the representative men of the business community.

He is a member of the State Firemen's Relief Association, and is actively connected with the Fire Department of Bloomfield.

He was married, October 31, 1892, to Minnie L. Turner, of Montclair, N. Y. Their children are Catharine, Virginia, Helen, Harold, and Dorothy.

**E**RNEST BAECHLIN, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Newark, N. J., September 6, 1878, son of Frederick and Josephine Baechlin, his father being a highly respected citizen and successful manufacturer. The son received his education in Newark and Hoboken, N. J. He is success-



fully engaged in the profession of civil engineering, his firm being Olmsted & Baechlin, with offices in Newark and Bloomfield. In addition to pursuing a general engineering business, Mr. Baechlin is the official town engineer of Bloomfield.

**R**ICHARD I. JACOBUS, of Little Falls, Passaic County, was born at that place, May 9, 1857, son of John R. and Catharine (Demarest) Jacobus, through both of whom he descends from good old New Jersey families of Hollandish origin. He received a public school education. The life of Mr. Jacobus has been devoted to agricultural and dairying pursuits. It is of interest that the farm where he resides has been in his family for more than one hundred years.

He is a prominent and influential citizen. During the year 1894 he served on the town committee of Little Falls, and at present he is a member of the school committee.

He was married, April 14, 1878, to Miss Jennie Donegan, of Montclair, N. J.



**T**HOMAS HENRY DECKER, of Bloomfield, a prominent and enterprising citizen, was born in New York City, January 15, 1849, son of Thomas and Elmira (Anders) Decker. His father was in early life a manufacturer of sashes, doors, and blinds in New York City, removing to Pompton Plains, N. J., where he devoted the remainder of his years to agricultural pursuits.

The son received a public school education in Newark, N. J. At the age of fifteen he began to earn his own livelihood in the dairying business, which he prosecuted successfully for some thirty-five years, his farm (which he still owns) being at Silver Lake, Essex County, and his business establishment in the city of Newark. He also owns a large farm property on Mombasha Lake, Orange County, N. Y.

For the past ten years Mr. Decker has conducted extensive livery and sales stables in Bloomfield, where he resides. In addition he is president of the Orange Mountain Ice Company. Throughout his long business career he has maintained a reputation for the highest integrity, and he is known as one of the representative successful men of his community.

He was married, January 7, 1873, to Hannah E. Graham, of Montclair, N. J., a daughter of William Graham. Four children have been born of this union, Burt M., Edith, Grace G., and Malvin C. (deceased).

**R**ALPH C. BACH, of the Borough of North Caldwell, Essex County, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Wethers) Bach, was born on the 12th of September, 1862, in Paterson, N. J. His father, a locksmith by occupation, was born September 24, 1832; his mother was born in 1829 and died August 12, 1898. Children of the parental family: Carl, Ralph C., George, and Emma (wife of Allen Andrew).

Mr. Bach is a farmer, also devoting his energies successfully to the carpentering and building business. He takes an active part in the public affairs of his section, as an adherent of the Republican party, and has held the official position of councilman of the Borough of North Caldwell. He is a member of Caldwell Lodge No. 59, F. and A. M.

He married Eliza Andrew, and to them four children have been born, George W., Allen, Hazel, and Alice.

**F**REDERICK WILLIAM ASHWORTH, of Belleville, Essex County, is a native of Stockport, England, where his birth occurred on the 18th day of January, 1865.

He was brought to this country at the age of four by his parents, John and Sarah Ann (Worthington) Ashworth, the family making their home in

Belleville. Here he received his education and has always since lived.

Mr. Ashworth has been connected with the Eastwood Wire Manufacturing Company since 1879, and is now superintendent of that important industrial concern. He is a well-known, respected, and useful citizen of Belleville. In 1898 he was elected a member of the Belleville Town Council, serving one term, and in 1903 he was honored with another election to that body. He served five years as fire commissioner.

He is a member and past master of Belleville Lodge No. 108, F. and A. M., Union Chapter R. A. M., Essex Hose Volunteers No. 3 of Belleville, and Seth Boyden Council, R. A. (in which he is past regent). He is a vestryman and lay reader of Christ Episcopal Church.

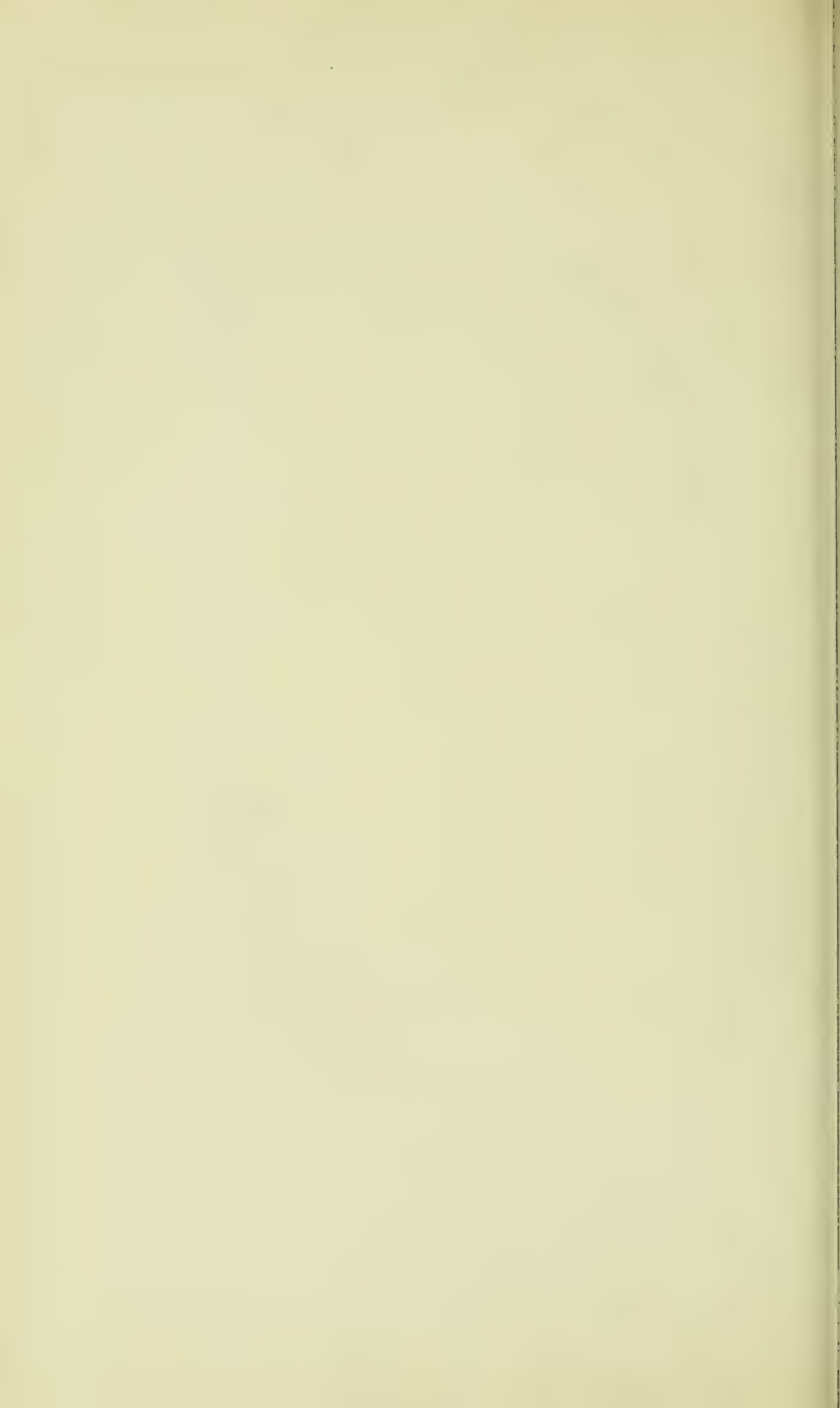
He is an excellent representative of the progressive, energetic, and successful young men of the times.

**H**ENRY R. CREWS, of Totowa, Passaic County, Superintendent of Laurel Grove Cemetery, was born in Chatham, Kent County, England, December 4, 1869, son of James G. and Mary A. (Cook) Crews.

Both of his parents were natives of Plymouth, England. They removed with their family to Canada, and are now living at North Bay in the Province of Ontario, where the father conducts a successful



HENRY R. CREWS



business as a boat and skiff builder. Children of James G. and Mary A. (Cook) Crews: George Richard (living in Pembroke, Ontario); Henry R., the subject of our sketch; Beatrice, residing with her brother, Henry R.; Annie, wife of Edward J. Brien of North Bay, Ontario; Helen; Henrietta E., and three others who died in childhood.

Henry R. Crews came with his parents to Canada when a child. He received his early education in the public and high schools of the Town of Pembroke, Ontario, subsequently pursuing a scientific course in the School of Science of Toronto. During his boyhood he learned the boat and skiff building business with his father, but deciding on other occupations he obtained employment with the Canada Pacific Railroad Company, with which he served for one year in the engineering corps. He then went to Buffalo, N. Y., where for the next five years he held a position in the Forest Lawn Cemetery. Resigning this place he came to New Jersey, and on the first of October, 1897, was appointed assistant superintendent of the Laurel Grove Cemetery. In January, 1901, after the death of Superintendent Charles Scrivens, he was appointed to the superintendency of the Cemetery, and in that capacity still continues. His administration of his responsible position has been characterized by marked efficiency, and his progressive ideas have greatly contributed to the improvement of the beautiful cemetery of which he is in charge.

He is also a member of the Borough Park Council



and of Haledon Lodge No. 169, Free and Accepted Order of Masons.

Mr. Crews was married, December 27, 1900, in Pembroke, Ontario, to Mary A. Row, of that place. They have one child, Beatrice Alice, born December 20, 1901.

**W**ILLIAM A. RITSCHER, JR., of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in East Orange, N. J., November 30, 1869, son of William A. and Rebecca A. (Clark) Ritscher. Through both his parents he is descended from families resident in this country from a period antedating the Revolutionary War, his original paternal ancestors having been Dutch and maternal Scotch.

Mr. Ritscher has been engaged in the newspaper publishing and printing business since January 1, 1893. He publishes the *Bloomfield Citizen*.

He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and the Elks.

He was married, October 25, 1896, to Matilda Blanche Purdy, and has one child, Kenneth Elton Ritscher.

**J**AMES ADAMS, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Belleville, N. J., October 8, 1857, son of N. B. and Martha J. (Riddle) Adams. He was educated in the schools of Bloomfield and Belleville. In early life Mr.

Adams was engaged in the building business, with which his father was for many years successfully identified. In 1892 he retired from this business, embarking in real estate enterprises, to which he has since devoted himself with an excellent degree of success. He is a prominent and esteemed citizen of Bloomfield.

Mr. Adams is a member of the Order of Macca-bees.

He was married, in New York City, in 1881, to Emeline A. Knight, and has two children, James B. and Minnie.

**F**RANK LESTER VAN HOUTEN.—The Van Houten Family traces its ancestry to forefathers who came to this country in the early colonial period from Holland, and who were among the very first settlers of the Passaic Valley.

Frank Lester Van Houten, of Totowa, Pasasic County, was born in that place on the 29th of December, 1864, son of Halmagh and Caroline (Berdan) Van Houten. He was educated in his native place, and throughout his life has been engaged there

in agricultural occupations. He has been conspicuously identified with the public affairs of his community, and is one of its representative and influential Republicans. From 1898 to 1900 he served as town collector of Totowa, and from 1900 to 1902 as school trustee. He is a member of General Kearney Lodge No. 262, J. O. U. A. M., of Paterson.

Mr. Van Houten was married, October 11, 1888, to Miss Anna Stagg, of Preakness, N. J. They have two children, Louis and Bertha.

**T**HERON WALTER ACKERMAN, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in what was then Brookdale, N. J. (now Bloomfield), March 31, 1858, son of Isaac Ackerman and his wife, Ellen Stager, who was a native of Franklin Township.

Mr. Ackerman is a leading business man of Bloomfield, engaged in the carpentering and building trades. He is a member of Phil Kearny Council No. 35, National Provident Union.

He was married, August 4, 1886, to Mary Coons, of Bloomfield, and has two children, Gertrude and Charles F.

**D**AVID HENRY VAN ORDEN, of Cedar Grove, Essex County, was born in New York City, May 5, 1845. His parents were James and Ann (Zabriskie) Van Orden, married December 22, 1838, and through both of them Mr. Van Orden is descended from colonial ancestors of good Hollandish stock. His father was at one time a successful business man of New York City, subsequently becoming a resident of Bergen County, N. J.

Mr. Van Orden received a public school education in New York City and Bergen County, N. J., and learned the carpenter's trade, in which he was successfully engaged for a considerable period of his earlier life. From this business he retired to devote himself to agricultural pursuits, in which he has since continued. His farm at Cedar Grove is one of the representative farming properties in that section of New Jersey. The dwelling and other buildings were erected by Mr. Van Orden from his own designs, and the high order of improvement which characterizes the whole property reflects the energetic and methodical qualities for which Mr. Van Orden is distinguished. He is a public-spirited citizen, actively interested in the concerns of his neighborhood, in which he exercises a valuable influence.

Mr. Van Orden married, December 30, 1869, Eliza Ann Moore. They have a daughter, Maria M., wife of George B. Canfield, to whom one child has been born, G. Burton Canfield.

**J**AMES CLARK, manufacturer, at the time of his death one of the oldest citizens of Plainfield, was born in Westfield, Union County, N. J., in 1821, son of Ephraim and Phoebe (Clark) Clark. He was descended on his father's side from original Scotch stock, one of his ancestors being Abraham Clark, signer of the Declaration of Independence, whose remains are buried in the old cemetery at Rahway. Both of his parents were natives of New Jersey. His father, a successful business man, was a highly esteemed citizen of Westfield, where he died in 1875 at the age of eighty-three.

James Clark in early life learned the currier's trade, at which he was employed in Newark, N. J. With an eye to the opportunities afforded by the development of the West, he removed to Saint Louis, whither an elder brother had preceded him. In 1842 the brothers formed a copartnership, under the firm name of E. D. Clark, as manufacturers of leather and shoe findings. This was the beginning of a business enterprise of far-reaching importance. E. D. Clark died in 1846, and the business was continued by James Clark alone until 1860. In that year he admitted another brother, D. B. Clark, to partnership, the firm style being changed to James Clark & Company. Frank L. Clark, a son of James Clark, and Cyrus E. Clark, son of D. B. Clark, were subsequently admitted as partners, the firm retaining its old name until December, 1895, when its interests were sold out to a



corporation organized as the James Clark Leather Company.

Throughout his long business career Mr. Clark's personal and commercial standing were of the highest order, and his integrity was never questioned. He took an especial interest in encouraging worthy employees, many of whom he established in business.

He was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined in 1844. The fiftieth anniversary of his connection with that order, in 1894, was the occasion of a flattering testimonial to him by the lodge to which he belonged.

In all the private relations of life Mr. Clark was a man of the highest ideals and worth. He died at his home in Plainfield, January 23, 1904. He is survived by his widow (whose maiden name was Mary A. Ferguson, born in Pittsburgh, Pa.), and by two sons, Frank L. and James E.

**J**OHAN AND WILLIAM N. NICHOLS, brothers, are engaged in a large manufacturing industry at Nutley, Essex County. They are sons of Thomas Nichols, born in 1837. He was brought to this country in early childhood, and at the age of nine was apprenticed with a concern in Newark, N. J., to learn the brush manufacturing business. About the year 1859 he left this employment to enter a hat manufacturing establishment, subsequently embarking on his own ac-



count in this department of enterprise, in which he continued very successfully for some thirty years. Thomas Nichols married Mary, daughter of David Hammell, and by her had five children, Ekin (deceased), John, William N., George, and Thomas.

John and William N. Nichols were born, respectively, January 23, 1859, and July 11, 1861, both receiving their education in the public schools and business colleges of Newark. Succeeding to their father's business, the firm name of J. & W. Nichols was established in July, 1902, and their large interest has since been conducted most successfully. The firm manufactures soft hats exclusively, employing from sixty to seventy operatives. The factory is at West Nutley.

John Nichols was married, April 3, 1889, to Leonora, daughter of Alfred Church. They have three children, Ellen, David, and Mary.

William N. Nichols married, January, 1892, Annie C., daughter of George Kirk, and has two children, Thomas and Howard.

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UGUSTUS FRANCIS OLSEN, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in that place, August 29, 1874, son of Peter and Frederica (Lang) Olsen.

He was educated in the public schools of Bloomfield. Mr. Olsen is successfully engaged in business as an electrical engineer and contractor. In June, 1900, he was appointed superintendent of the

fire alarm and telegraph system of Bloomfield, a position in which he still continues. In politics he a Republican. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Bloomfield Lodge No. 40.

He married, December, 1901, Sarah Jenkins, of Bloomfield. They have one child, Wilber Augustus Olsen.

**C**HARLES EDWARD DAVIDSON, of Brookdale, Essex County, was born at that place January 11, 1848, his parents being John William Elias and Sarah (Van Giesen) Davidson.

His father, a mason and builder, was born in the West Indies, and died in Newark, N. J., where most of his life was spent.

Mr. Davidson received a common school education at his native place, and as a lad learned the carpenter's trade. He has for many years been successfully engaged in the building business, also following agricultural pursuits. He is in all ways one of the typical representative men of his community, exercising a marked influence for its welfare and highly respected for his sterling character.

In 1868 he was married, at Brookdale, to Mary Harris, daughter of Elijah Harris. Children: Jennie, Evelyn, Louis P., William H., and Elizabeth G.

**W**ILLIAM R. RAAB.—Although belonging to the younger generation of citizens, Mr. Raab has made a record as one of the most energetic and successful business men of Bloomfield. He is among the well-known builders of that portion of Essex County, and has contributed in a marked degree to the architectural progress of Bloomfield and the neighboring communities.

He was born in New York City, January 2, 1868, son of William J. and Augusta K. (Klein) Raab. Both of his parents are still living, their home also being in Bloomfield. His father was born in Bavaria, Germany, came to America in 1853, learned the trade of making dental instruments, subsequently engaged in the grocery trade, and finally established himself at Bloomfield in the hotel business, which he still conducts. Mr. Raab's mother is a native of Hessen, Germany, and came to the United States in 1854, living until her marriage in Newark, N. J. This couple after their marriage made their home in Bloomfield (1869), where they have always since resided. Nine children have been born to them: Mary, William R., Johanna, Charles (deceased), Elizabeth, Augusta (deceased), Philipina (deceased), and Margaret.

William R. Raab, after serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, engaged in business on his own account as a carpenter and builder in Bloomfield. As noted above, his career has been eminently successful. He is a public spirited citizen, taking an earnest

interest in all matters for promoting the welfare of the community. In his political relations he is a Republican, and has been somewhat active in advancing the interests of his party.

He is one of the directors of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias, and the First Ward Republican Club. For fourteen years he was identified with the Fire Department as a member of Active Hose Company. He is now secretary of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Bloomfield.

Mr. Raab married Miss Marie Fredericks, and has three children, William, Arthur, and Marie.

**H**ON. HAMPDEN LEGRAND JOHNSTONE, of Glen Ridge, member of the Assembly, was born at Selma, Ala., September 21, 1859.

He is descended from early American ancestors, of original Scotch-French antecedents, who emigrated to this country previously to the year 1745, settling in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Carolinas.

Mr. Johnstone was educated in private schools in Alabama and Massachusetts, and in public schools in New York City. He is engaged in the business of ocean freights and inland transportation, and as a member of the Produce Exchange of New York City.

For many years he has been a resident of Essex County, N. J.

Throughout his life he has taken an active interest in public affairs, in advocacy of the principles of the Republican party. He has devoted much attention especially to the promotion of the public school system, and to the advancement of sound methods in the conduct of municipal government. Upon the incorporation of the Borough of Glen Ridge in 1895 he was elected a member of the Board of Education and assessor of taxes of that borough, being continued in these offices by re-elections for three consecutive terms. He was elected a member of the New Jersey Assembly in 1903 by a very large majority.

**E**DGAR DUMONT ACKERMAN, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Nutley, N. J., June 30, 1858, son of James and Margaret Elizabeth (Hasleden) Ackerman.

Mr. Ackerman was educated in the public and grammar schools of Nutley. He is successfully engaged in the plumbing business in Bloomfield, and is a prominent citizen of that community. He is a member of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association and the Bloomfield Lodge of the Royal Arcanum.

He was married, October 12, 1881, to Miss H. J. Strubla, and has two children, Olive S. and Peter L.



**C**HARLES ERVING, of Haledon, Passaic County, was born in New York City, January 7, 1866, son of James and Frances (Mann) Erving. When he was one year old his parents removed to Haledon, and in that place he received his education.

Mr. Erving is successfully engaged in the produce business. He is an active citizen of the community where he resides, and is one of the prominent Republicans of Haledon. He has served for two terms as a member of the Township Committee. He is a member of Haledon Lodge No. 169, Free and Accepted Masons; Paterson Lodge No. 56, Order of Red Men, and Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Junior Order of American Mechanics.

He married, December 23, 1885, Gussie A. Van Orden, of Haledon, and has one child, William Walter.

**L**EVI ELLSWORTH VAN SICKLE, of Paterson, manufacturer, was born in Portland, Northampton County, Pa., April 19, 1873, son of James and Melissa (Bartow) Van Sickle. He received his education in the schools of Easton and Bethlehem, Pa. His parents died when he was but eleven years old, and being obliged to earn his own



livelihood he left school and learned the trade of machinist.

Mr. Van Sickle has been a resident of Paterson since 1889. In March, 1902, he entered into a co-partnership with Jules Devigne for the manufacture of gasoline automobiles, under the firm style of Devigne and Van Sickle. The business thus inaugurated has been prosecuted very successfully, and the firm occupies a representative position in its department of manufacturing industry.

Mr. Van Sickle was married, in Paterson, May 29, 1898, to Julie Devigne, who was born in Bertry, France. They have two children, Louise, born July 16, 1900, and Claire Belle, born March 6, 1902.

**W**ILLIAM WETHERILL HAWKE, D. D. S., of Flemington, Hunterdon County, was born in Blawenburg, Somerset County, N. J., September 11, 1864, son of Dr. Edward Page and Ida (Skillman) Hawke. His father was forty years a medical practitioner in Blawenburg and Hopewell, his death occurring in the latter place in December, 1898. On his mother's side Dr. W. W. Hawke is a descendant of the Stout and Stryker Families of New Jersey.

He was graduated from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1886, and on October 25 of that year embarked upon the



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practice of his profession in Flemington. He is in all respects one of the leading men of the profession of dentistry in Western New Jersey. He is an active member of the New Jersey State Dental Society and the Central Dental Society of Newark, being at present one of the executive committee of each of these organizations. He is also a member of Darcy Lodge No. 37, of Flemington.

Dr. Hawke was married, October 19, 1897, in Flemington, to Elizabeth Bartles, daughter of Joseph Bartles, of Saint Paul, Minn., and granddaughter of the late Charles Bartles, of Flemington. Of this union two children have been born, William B. Hawke and Elizabeth B. Hawke.

**E**DWARD H. BALDWIN.—The Baldwin Family in the direct line of Mr. Edward H. Baldwin, of Caldwell, has been resident in Essex County since Colonial times, and has always been a family of consideration, substance, and usefulness. The old homestead where Mr. Baldwin resides was the home of his ancestors for several generations, and he takes a just pride in its associations.

His great-grandfather, Joseph Baldwin, was conspicuous in public life in Essex County during the Colonial and Revolutionary periods, and subsequently. He was born in Caldwell, and was a farmer. At the close of the struggle with Great Britain he took a

leading part in the local concerns of his county, contributing materially to the organization of its affairs under the new republican form of government.

Noah Baldwin, son of Joseph and grandfather of Mr. Edward H. Baldwin, was born in Caldwell in 1784, and died about 1832. He married Naomi Baldwin, daughter of Joseph and Esther (Crane) Baldwin, their children being Joseph V. (deceased), Caleb H. (died in Anamosa, Iowa), Sarah E. (who married Samuel O. Harrison and is now deceased), Noah Oscar (deceased, the father of Mr. Edward H. Baldwin), Esther C. (deceased), Hannah M. (who married Samuel Dobbins, and is now deceased), Marcus Y., Ann Louisa, and Zenas A. (died in the State of Washington).

Noah Oscar Baldwin, son of Noah and father of Edward H. Baldwin, was born on the old homestead, June 11, 1815, and died there November 10, 1899. He was a citizen of mark and influence, ever devoted to the best interests of his community. He was a Republican from the time of the organization of the party, casting his vote for its first Presidential candidate, John C. Fremont, and to the end of his life was one of the most earnest supporters of Republican principles in that section of New Jersey. He served as town committeeman and overseer of the poor, and was a leading member, officer, supporter, and builder of the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. He married in 1855 in Paterson, N. J., Emily Gould, who died No-

vember 2, 1873. Mr. Edward H. Baldwin is the only child of this union.

Edward H. Baldwin was born on the ancestral farm at Caldwell, December 15, 1856. He was educated at his native place, and in early life was engaged for some years in business pursuits. But upon the death of his father in 1899 he returned to the old homestead, where he has since resided.

Mr. Baldwin, like his honored ancestors, has at all times been a useful and public spirited citizen. A man of decided force of character, he is known, however, for his broad and liberal spirit. He has been especially active in advocating and promoting public improvements. He was among the earliest to favor measures for the introduction of telephone facilities, and he has also done valuable work in securing macadamized roads and other noteworthy improvements. He is a Republican, and has served as town committeeman.

He was married in 1877 to Mary F. Oliver, and has four children, Charles O., E. Louise, Raymond L., and Jessie E.



**R**ICHARD BERRY, of Clifton, Passaic County, was born on the old Berry homestead, situated on the Weasel Road in Clifton, April 16, 1854, son of George and Mary (Post) Berry, and grandson on his father's side of John R. and Maria (Alyea) Berry, and on his mother's side of Richard R. and Natilia (Van Riper) Post. He is descended through both parents from old and respectable New Jersey families, all his early ancestors having been farming people. His father, born December 16, 1822, died March 30, 1904) was engaged in business as a builder. Mr. Berry's mother was born October 19, 1830, and died January 17, 1904.

The son was educated in the public schools of Acquackanonck (now Passaic), and at Garret Hopper's private school in Paterson. As a lad he learned the carpentering business, which he pursued in early life.

For many years Mr. Berry has been actively interested in politics, as a supporter of Republican principles, and has served the public in various official positions, making a most creditable record. He held the office of constable for twenty-five years, and during sixteen years of this period was a court officer. He was a member of the New Jersey Assembly in 1899. Since 1896 he has served continuously as assessor.

**T**HOMAS F. RIELLY, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born on the 20th of April, 1873, in Denton, Orange County, N. Y. He is a son of Edward and Dora (Connor) Rielly, his father being now deceased, while his mother is a resident of Middletown, N. Y.

Mr. Rielly was educated at his native place. After coming to Caldwell he was engaged for a time in the butchering and general provision business, subsequently embarking in the kindling wood and general teaming business. He is recognized as one of the most representative and enterprising young men of his community.

He has always taken an active interest in politics, as a supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of Newark Lodge No. 7, F. and A. M., Friendship Lodge No. 11, I. O. O. F., Daniel Webster Council No. 160, J. O. U. A. M., the Loyal Protective Association, and the N. P. R. E. B. A.

Mr. Rielly married Sarah E., daughter of George Barnes, of Caldwell.

**C**ONRAD FEUSER, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Cologne, Germany, October 19, 1864, received his education in his native country, and then came to America. He is a representative of the admirable class of German born citizens who by enterprising and intelligent industry have procured for themselves substantial positions in life in their adopted country. He is at present foreman of the H. B. Wiggins Sons Company. Mr. Feuser is married and has two children, Arthur and Annie.

**P**HILIP JOHN YOUNG (born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, November 12, 1857) is a representative and influential citizen of Nutley, Essex County. He is a member of the Council of that community.

Mr. Young is successfully engaged in the wholesale dry goods business in New York City.

He married Thusnilda Linker, and has four children, Frederick, Roswell, Philip, and Caroline.

**H**ARRY COOPER, of Bloomfield, Essex County, N. J., was born in Boonton, Morris County, N. J., February 20, 1865, son of Joseph and Cornelia (Van Houten) Cooper. On his mother's side he is descended from an old Passaic County family.

Mr. Cooper has been a resident of Bloomfield for the past twenty-three years. He is prominently identified with the public interests of his community, and has performed highly creditable services in official capacities. In 1899 he was appointed superintendent of county road construction, and in 1900 superintendent of public works of Bloomfield. He is still the incumbent of the latter position.

He is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. and A. M., and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Cooper was married, October 20, 1888, to Carrie Beckler, of Bloomfield, and has one child, Beatrice G.

**A**LMON BEAMAN CALKINS, of Belleville, Essex County, has for many years been connected with important mechanical industries, and by his inventive and administrative ability has been a valuable promoter of various large manufacturing interests in connection with the mechanic arts.

He was born on the 12th of October, 1851, at Addison, Steuben County, N. Y., son of Nathan S. and Lydia Ann (Dininny) Calkins. He received a good public education in his native State, and then learned the machinist's trade, in which he displayed such aptitude and proficiency that at the age of twenty he was

entrusted with responsible managing duties. He has since been uninterruptedly engaged as a mechanical expert, and has been instrumental in organizing and conducting the mechanical departments of a number of extensive concerns. At the World's Fair at Chicago he was awarded a diploma as an expert artisan.

Mr. Calkins is at present superintendent of the American Match Manufacturing Company of Nutley, N. J. He is the inventor of all the machinery used in the works of this company, including a match-making machine which has a capacity of 5,000 matches a minute, and another machine which counts the matches and packs them in boxes ready for the wrapper. The establishment is capable of manufacturing 30,000,000 matches per day of ten hours, and gives employment to some one hundred men and as many women.

He was married in Waverly, N. Y., to Miss Mary Walker, and has four children, Arthur N., Eleanor M., Almon G., and Clarence C. His son Arthur is his assistant in the works.

**D**EWITT CLINTON BALDWIN, of Montclair, Essex County, was born in Verona, N. J., December 24, 1835, son of Lucas and Mary (Ball) Baldwin. His father was a shoemaker and farmer, who was born on the 10th day of February, 1802, and died in his seventy-first year; his mother



was born in 1804, and died in her eighty-first year. Both are buried in the Pleasantdale Cemetery. The grandfather of Mr. Dewitt Clinton Baldwin was Nathaniel Baldwin, who lived and died in Verona, as did also his wife (a member of the old Burnet Family of Essex County).

Dewitt Clinton Baldwin has been a lifelong citizen of the immediate portion of New Jersey where he was born, and has always followed agricultural occupations. Now at the advanced age of sixty-eight, he is one of the representative worthy citizens of his community, whose personal career has been honorable and useful. His political affiliations are with the Prohibition party, and he has sought to inculcate the high principles represented by the creed of that organization. He is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as trustee and steward for more than forty years.

He was married, February 1, 1865, to Anna F., daughter of Moses Dodd. Of this union there is one son, Clinton Dodd Baldwin, born May 23, 1874, and married January 23, 1895, to Miss Carrie Cook, of Susquehanna, Pa. To this young couple two children have been born, Helen and Dewitt Clare. Mr. Clinton Dodd Baldwin is identified at the present time with the United Railroads of San Francisco, Cal., in which he holds the responsible position of purchasing agent.



**J**AMES CRANE STANLEY, of Little Falls, Passaic County, was born in Salisbury, Orange County, N. Y., September 14, 1831, son of Henry and Julia (Crane) Stanley.

His father was born in England, was a graduate of Saint Mary College, Liverpool, and came to America in 1812, settling in Bloomfield. He was a cotton manufacturer by occupation.

James Crane Stanley has lived in Little Falls since his fifth year, and is now one of the oldest citizens of that community. Throughout his active career he has devoted himself to the contracting business, in which he has enjoyed a substantial degree of success. As a citizen he has always exercised a useful influence in the affairs of his locality, with the highest personal and business reputation. He is at present serving in the responsible position of president of the Township Committee, an office which he has occupied for a number of years.

He married, February 13, 1871, Louisa Jane McAllister, of Paterson, N. J. Their children are Julia, J. Rousseau, Elizabeth Bruce, William B., Edwin A., Harry, and Marguerette.

**J**OHN HENRY FORSHAY, of Little Falls, Passaic County, was born at Saddle River, Bergen County, N. J., August 23, 1859, son of David and Rachel (Terhune) Forshay. He is of French descent on his father's side and of Dutch on his mother's.

Mr. Forshay received his education in the schools of Paterson. Since 1898 he has been conducting a butchering business in Little Falls, and he is one of the leading citizens of that place.

He married, May 3, 1882, Mary K. Van Houten, of Paterson. She died in 1892.

**J**OHN G. HUNKELE, JR., of Belleville, Essex County, was born in Newark, N. J., August 29, 1856, son of John and Barbara (Sipp) Hunkele. Both his parents were natives of Germany; they were married in Newark in 1854. The father was engaged in business enterprises as a grocer and contractor.

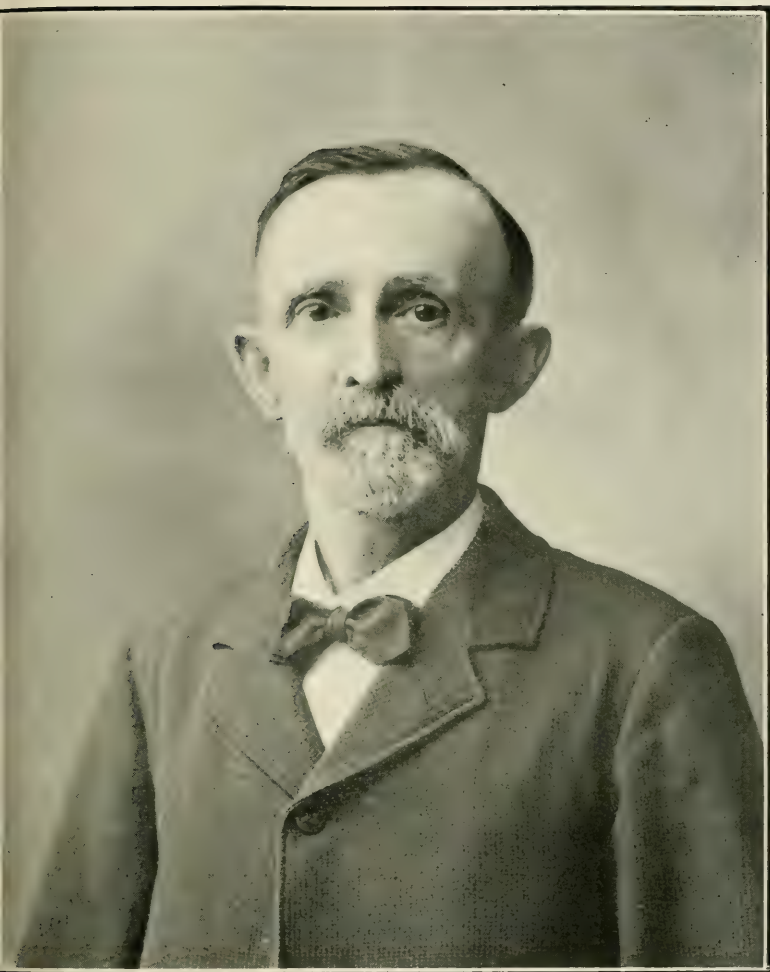
John G. Hunkele received his education in the excellent public schools of Newark. During the early period of his life he followed his father's occupation of contractor, but retired from that pursuit to engage in farming, which he has since prosecuted with marked success. He is one of the influential citizens of his community.

He was married, in March, 1881, to Lena, daugh-

ter of George Heyl, and has four children, George, Joseph, John, and Florence.

**C**ALEB CRANE, mayor of the Borough of West Caldwell, and one of the most prominent old citizens of that portion of New Jersey, was born on the homestead farm where he now resides, October 22, 1844, his parents being Zenas C. and Mary (Harrison) Crane.

Mr. Crane is of the eighth generation from Jasper Crane, one of the early New England settlers of Newark, N. J., who came to that place from Connecticut. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Crane was Caleb Crane, who was the first owner of the present Crane homestead, and was a deacon in the and their children were Maria Crane, Moses P. Presbyterian Church; he married Lydia Personett, Crane, Samuel Gibson Crane, Elizabeth Crane (married Gershom Freeman), Zenas C. Crane, and Lydia P. Crane (married George C. Steele). Zenas C. Crane, father of Mr. Caleb Crane, was a lifelong resident of Caldwell Township, serving as an elder in the Presbyterian Church; he was born October 22, 1804, and died July 10, 1893. He married Mary Harrison (born September 29, 1813, died April 26, 1889), who was a daughter of Rufus and Phebe Harrison, of Roseland, N. J.; the surviving children of this marriage being Marcus H. Crane of Urbana, O., Caleb



CALEB CRANE



Crane of Caldwell, and Anna M. Crane (married Lewis G. Lockward).

Caleb Crane received his education in schools at Caldwell, N. J., and West Cornwall, Conn. Throughout his life he has resided on the farm where he was born, a large and valuable property, and he is a representative of the most successful and substantial citizens of the agricultural class.

Mr. Crane has always taken an active part in the public affairs of his community and township. For some ten years he served as a member of the Township Committee, and for three terms occupied the position of chairman of the board. He is the first mayor of West Caldwell, having been elected upon the incorporation of the borough. He is also a member and secretary of the Board of Education.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Crane married, May 1, 1878, Rachel Jacobus, daughter of Wilson and Hannah (Jacobus) Jacobus, of White Hall, Morris County, N. J. Of this union four children have been born, Lewis M., Zenas G., Mary Harrison (deceased), and Raymond.



**J**OHN J. HANNAN, a successful and public spirited citizen of Belleville, is a native of County Galway, Ireland, where his birth occurred on the 4th of November, 1865. He is a son of Patrick Hannan, now a respected old citizen of the same portion of New Jersey. Patrick Hannan was born in Ireland about 1833, and married, in County Galway, Miss Ellen Lyons, the children of this union being Mary, Katy, John J., and Patrick S., all born in Ireland; Julia A., Thomas F. C., Joseph, James, and William, born in Avondale, N. J., and Frank, born in Belleville, N. J.

The family came to the United States in 1868, when John J. was three years of age, and first lived in Avondale, N. J., subsequently removing to Belleville.

The son received his education in Franklin, N. J., and after leaving school learned the wire-drawing and carpenter's trades. In 1897 he erected the Hannan Building, No. 35 Washington Avenue, Belleville, and established himself in the grocery business, which he prosecuted for some time with success. Subsequently he resumed business as a carpenter. He is now a well-known contractor and builder, engaged in extensive transactions.

Mr. Hannan is one of the leading men in the public affairs of his community. He has served in the office of township clerk, and was for many years clerk of the election board. In his political relations he is a Democrat, enjoying a recognized position among the active and representative men of his party.

**H**ENRY B. FRANCISCO, of Singac, Passaic County, was born in Newark, N. J., December 12, 1852. His parents were Peter H. and Elizabeth (Jacobus) Francisco, whose other children were Frank and Sarah J. (wife of George H. Cook). Mr. Francisco's paternal grandparents were Henry and Sarah (Courter) Francisco.

Reared on a farm, most of Mr. Francisco's active life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He is a man of prominence and influence in his portion of Passaic County—a public spirited and useful citizen. He is a Republican in his political relations, and is a leading member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Francisco married Elizabeth L. Hedges, and has two children, Edna B. and Clarence E.

**C**W. BARKER, of Nutley, was born in Warren County, N. J., on the 2d of September, 1871, son of Charles and Cornelia (Philhower) Barker, his father being of English birth and his mother a native of Hunterdon County, N. J. He is a well-known and successful citizen of Nutley, and is engaged in business as a general contractor, with special attention to road-building and similar enterprises. He is a member of the fraternal orders of the Red Men and the Golden Star.

Mr. Barker was married, December 15, 1885, to

Miss Louisa Zeller. They have an adopted child, Roy Z. Barker, son of a brother of Mr. Barker.

**J**OHN THOMAS HANLON, of Verona, was born in Montclair, N. J., April 11, 1859, son of Thomas and Ellen (Fay) Hanlon. Mr. Hanlon's father was engaged in the hotel business in Montclair, where he died in 1872 at the age of forty; his mother's death occurred in 1889, at the age of sixty-two.

Mr. Hanlon was educated in the public schools of Montclair. Since 1900 he has conducted a popular hotel in Verona.

He married Miss Delia Kennedy, daughter of James Kennedy. They have three children: Thomas, Julia, and Helen.

**W**ILLIAM VAN WAGONER, of Paterson, merchant, was born at Pompton, N. J., November 16, 1857, son of Adrian and Julia (Rutan) Van Wagoner.

He is of Hollandish descent on his father's side, and through his mother descends from original French ancestors, the Rutans having been among the early settlers of the northern section of New Jersey.

Mr. Van Wagoner's maternal grandfather, Abra-

ham Rutan, was the son of a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He lived at Verona, Sussex County, N. J., and held public office in that county. He married Ann Courter, and had the following children: Caroline (married Jonas Rhodes, and resides in Somers, Kenosha County, Wis.); Charlotte A. (married John Moore, and resides in Canandaigua, Mich.); Ann (married Jesse Potter, both being deceased); Elizabeth (widow of William Farber, resides in Verona, N. J.); Rebecca (married, first, Barton Winfield, second, David Henion, and resides in Pompton Plains, N. J.); Hannah (married Lewis Cisco, both being deceased); John D. (deceased); Abraham C. (married, first, Sarah Drew, and second, Ellen Drew); and Julia (married Adrian Van Wagoner).

The parents of William Van Wagoner had seven children, as follows: Abraham, John Henry, William, Mary A. (wife of F. P. Hamilton, resides in Scranton, Pa.); Margaret A., Eva (deceased), and Adrian (deceased).

Adrian Van Wagoner, father of William, died when the boy was only seven years old, and his widow married for her second husband Hezekiah Ferguson, by whom she had one daughter, Julia, wife of James B. Bergen.

William Van Wagoner received a public school education in Sussex County, N. J., subsequently attending a select school at Fort Edward, N. Y. In early life he was engaged in farming, also for a time being employed on the New York, Susquehanna &

Western Railroad. For the past fifteen years he has been pursuing a provision business in Paterson, in which he has enjoyed success.

He is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, and the Order of Elks.

**A**LVIN DECKER, of Little Falls, Passaic County, merchant, was born in Roseland, Ulster County, N. Y., December 21, 1871, son of Washington and Jemima (Cross) Decker. His father was a chemist by occupation.

Mr. Decker received a public school education at Black Oak Ridge, Passaic County, N. J. He is engaged in a general grocery business in Little Falls, conducting the largest and best appointed mercantile establishment in that community. Though a young man, he has made a record of marked success. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order or American Mechanics.

He was married at Preakness, N. J., to Annie Van Houten. Three children have been born of this union, Ethel Decker, George W. Decker (deceased), and Ruth Decker.



**G**EORGE HUNT, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in England, March 18, 1847, son of James Hunt, a practical engineer, who pursued his profession successfully in England, being engaged with one concern for a period of nineteen years. The son came to America in April, 1872, and the father in 1885. James Hunt died in Brooklyn in 1889.

The son, inheriting the mechanical inclinations and abilities of his father, received a thorough practical training as a machinist in the old country. After coming to the United States he was employed for some years with the Tilton Safe Manufacturing Company. He then (1877) accepted an advantageous offer from the Consolidated Safety Pin Company of Bloomfield, and with this concern he has since continued, a period of more than a quarter of a century. He is at present engaged in the capacity of foreman of machinists.

Mr. Hunt is one of the most respected citizens of Bloomfield. His influence has always been exercised for the promotion of the best interests of the community, but having no taste for public office he has never held such position. In national politics he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party.

He is an honorary member of the Bloomfield Fire Company, and has been connected with the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the Maccabees, the Foresters, the Sons of Saint



George, the American Legion of Honor, and the Knights of Honor.

He married Miss Helen Collings. Six children have been born to them, of whom only one, Florence Janet, now survives.

**S**AMUEL L. GRIMSHAW, of Bloomfield, is one of the well-known and representative men of that portion of Essex County. For the past twelve years he has been engaged in the expressage and trucking business, conducting the Bloomfield, Montclair and New York Express; and this enterprise, entirely built up by his energies and executive abilities, has been highly successful.

**J**OSEPH BARNED is an old and respected citizen of Paterson, now retired from active life. For thirty-nine years he was successfully engaged in the painting business. The establishment so long conducted by him is now under the direction of his sons. He is a member of Benevolent Lodge No. 45, F. and A. M.

Mr. Barned married Julia, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Kiershaw) Hilton. Of this union eleven children have been born, four of whom are now deceased. The survivors are Sarah E., wife of Ernest Frank; Joseph, married Mary Gardiner; Fanny,

wife of William Bowie; Minnie, wife of Henry Byder; Cora, wife of William Nichols; Reuben, and Ruth, wife of William Garrif.

**A** NASTASIUS MATTHAEI GWYNNETTE, of Essex Falls, Essex County, enjoys a reputation as one of the representative men in New Jersey interested in promoting the breed of horses. He has been engaged in this important occupation since his eighteenth year, and has achieved marked success. He is at present at the head of the Emperor William Stock Farm, situated between Pleasantdale and Roseland on the Greenwood Lake Division of the Erie Railway. This farm consists of some four hundred acres, entirely devoted to the pasturage of horses, with large buildings constructed from the most approved plans. A principal object in the conduct of the farm is the caretaking of valuable horses by special arrangement with their owners, the best professional services being given to put them in fine condition and develop their qualities.

Mr. Gwynnette was born in New York City, June 28, 1876, son of Harry and Anna (Matthaei) Gwynnette. He is of English descent on his father's side and of German on his mother's. He is a popular citizen, and is a member of Montclair Lodge, Royal Arcanum.

**A**LBERT C. MICKLER, of Haledon, Passaic County, was born in Paterson, N. J., May 10, 1868, son of Jacob and Rachel (Harris) Mickler. His education was received in the public schools of Paterson. Mr. Mickler is one of the successful men of the business community of his portion of New Jersey, being engaged in the ice trade.

He has always taken an active interest in politics, as a member of the Republican party. In March, 1903, he was elected a member of the Board of Freeholders of Passaic County, to serve for a term of two years.

He is a member of the order of Eagles (No. 43), the Junior Order of American Mechanics (No. 185), and the Sons of Veterans (Camp No. 8).

He was married, November 26, 1884, to Amelia Van Orden, of Haledon, N. J.

**J**OHN HENRY DOREMUS, one of the representative merchants of the City of Passaic, was born in Paterson, N. J., August 11, 1866, son of John and Amelia (Barnard)

Doremus. He is a descendant of one of the oldest families of New Jersey, whose ancestors came to this country from Holland.

The mother of Mr. Doremus died during his early childhood, and after her death he lived with relatives until able to make his own way in the world. His



JOHN H. DOREMUS



first business employment was that of clerk in a hardware store in Paterson. Subsequently he removed to Passaic and entered the hardware establishment of Peter Van Winkle as salesman, continuing there for a period of six years. He was then employed for some three years with Cornelius Kevitt, a well-known contractor and builder of Passaic, resigning this position to engage with John C. Blauvelt in the mantel, tiling, and fireplace furnishing business. In 1897 he purchased the interest of Mr. Blauvelt, and since that date he has conducted the establishment in his own name. Mr. Doremus has enjoyed a successful career. The stock of mantels carried by him is larger than that of any other business concern in the State.

He has always taken an active interest in politics, his affiliations being with the Republican party. He has served the public as a member of the City Council of Passaic.

In 1887 Mr. Doremus enlisted in Company B. of the 4th Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey, in which he served successively as corporal and sergeant. This company in 1892 became Company D. of the 2d Regiment, of which company he was elected second lieutenant on the 28th of July, 1892. April 2, 1898, the regiment was enrolled in the regular army and ordered to the State Camp at Sea Girt, and from there to Jacksonville, Fla. At the latter place Mr. Doremus remained until July, when, in consequence of physical disability, he was compelled to resign and return home. As a result of his illness he



lost his eyesight, but in spite of this affliction still continues the active management of his business.

He is a charter member of the Passaic bodies of the National Union and Ancient Order of United Workmen. He holds the rank of captain in the Spanish War Veterans.

He was married, November 3, 1886, in Paterson, to Agnes S., daughter of Alexander and Agnes Marshall. The parents of Mrs. Doremus were natives of Scotland; she was born May 15, 1865. Children of John Henry and Agnes S. (Marshall) Doremus: Alfred V. R., Agnes M., Amelia L., Alexander M., and Eveline M.

**J**OHN NESSLAGE, of Richfield, Passaic County, is a native of Germany, having been born on the 20th of January, 1837. He has been a resident of Richfield since 1873, engaged in garden farming, and is one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of that community.

Mr. Nesslerage married Wilhelmina Harmes, also of German birth. Their children are Garrett, Anna, Mary, and Bernard.

**F**REDERICK · BALDWIN STIMIS, of Brookdale, was born in Bloomfield, N. J., his parents being William Stimis and Susan Condict. He is a representative citizen of his section of New Jersey, being the proprietor of a sawmill and also pursuing business as a contractor.

**W**ILLIAM HART BARTLES, M. D., of Flemington, Hunterdon County, is a son of Charles Bartles, one of the most prominent citizens of his times in that place, where he practised the profession of the law for a period of sixty years. The mother of Dr. Bartles was Eliza (Hart) Bartles. His paternal grandfather was Andrew Bartles, who came from Hamburg, Germany, about 1790, settling first in Philadelphia, and from there removing to New Germantown, Hunterdon County, N. J.

Dr. Bartles was born in Flemington on the 23d of June, 1858. He received his preparatory education at the Trenton Academy and under private instruction, and was graduated from Rutgers College in the class of 1859. His medical studies were pursued in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he received his diploma, and after his graduation he was further prepared for the duties of his pro-

fession by serving for some eighteen months as interne in the Philadelphia Hospital.

During the Civil War he was acting assistant-surgeon in a large military hospital at Portsmouth Grove, R. I. After being engaged in private practice for several years in Philadelphia he accepted an offer to become assistant-physician in Dr. Kinabride's Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, in West Philadelphia. Here he continued for fourteen years. He then returned to his early home, Flemington, and in that place he has since been uninterruptedly occupied with his professional work.

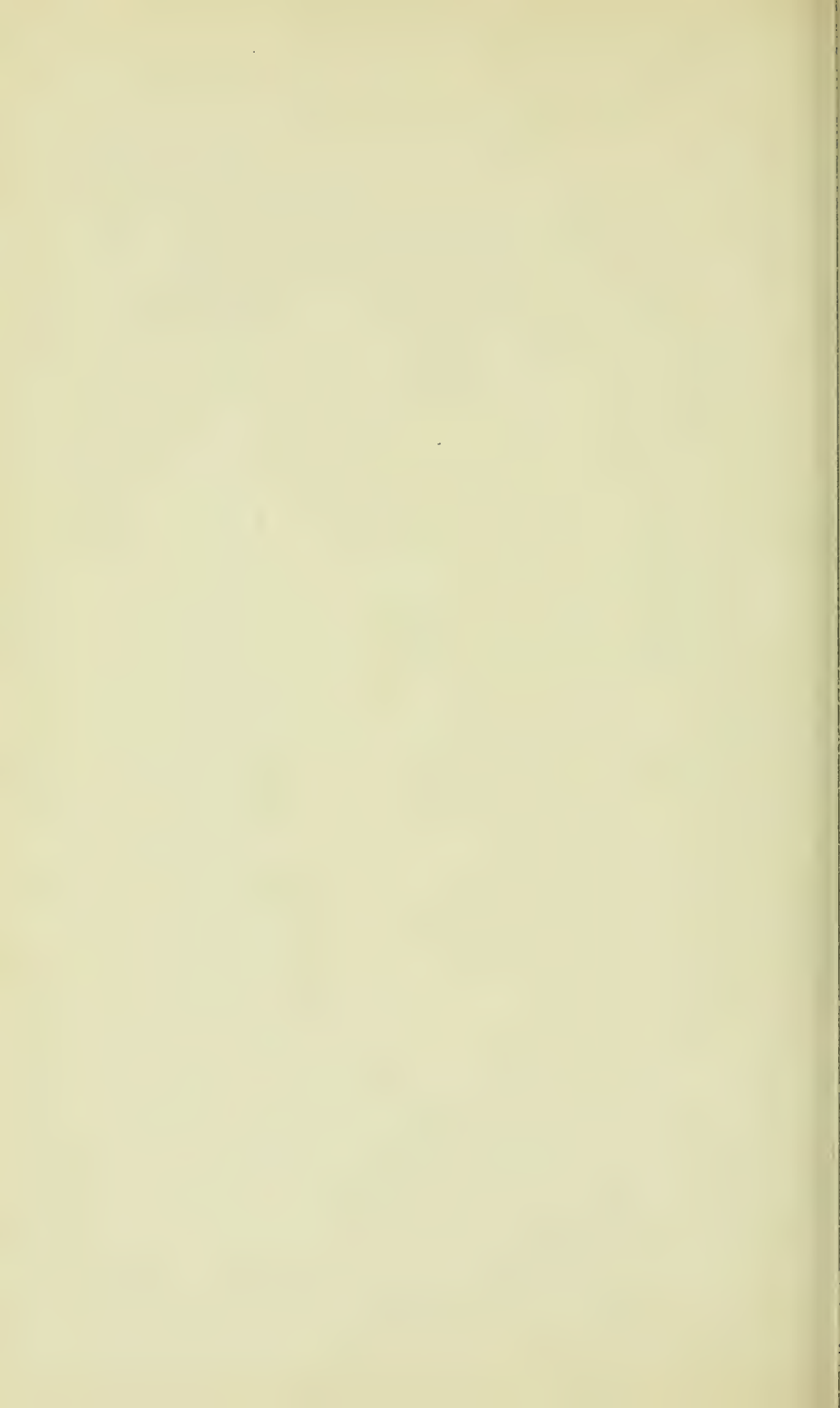
His career as a physician has been successful, both in its substantial results and in point of reputation, and as a citizen he is a worthy and useful member of his community.

**G**EORGE WALLACE SANFORD is one of the well known and esteemed citizens of Belleville, where he was born on the 23d of May, 1863, and where his entire life has been spent. His parents were George Francis and Ellen (Burns) Sanford.

He received his education in the public schools of his native place. His activities have been devoted to business pursuits, and he has enjoyed a successful career. He is a well known contractor and builder. Mr. Sanford has preferred the life of a private citizen,



ALFRED H. EDGERLY



and has not held public office. He has always, however, taken a public spirited interest in political and local matters. He is a Republican. He is a member of the Carpenters and Builders' Union.

April 4, 1884, he was married to Miss Ida May Johnson. Two children have been born to them, Raymond Morris and Mabel.

**A**LFRED H. EDGERLEY, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in England, January 29, 1856, son of Thomas and Martha (Haslam) Edgerley. Mr. Edgerley has been a citizen of New Jersey since 1879. He was for four years engaged in the hat manufacturing business in Bloomfield, but since 1898 has devoted his energies to the general grain, feed, and coal trade, in which he has enjoyed success.

He is one of the representative members of the business community of Bloomfield, and as a citizen occupies a position of influence, and enjoys the highest personal reputation. In his political relations he is a Prohibitionist, believing the repression of the liquor traffic to be the foremost social and public requirement of the times. He served as a member of the Bloomfield Board of Education from 1888 to 1891. He is a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. and A. M.

Mr. Edgerley was married, December 22, 1881, to



Mary M. Thompson, of East Orange, and has one child, Lillian H. Edgerley.

He is one of the directors of the Bloomfield Savings Institution and is treasurer of the Watsessing Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomfield.

**A**LEXANDER PURCELL, of Passaic, was born in Scotland, August 27, 1868, son of James and Margaret (MacLaren) Purcell. He was educated in his native country. For the past seventeen years he has been a citizen of Passaic. He has been active in political matters in that city, as a supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In 1900 he was appointed superintendent of the Passaic City Alms House, an office in which he still continues. He is a member of the Foresters of America.

Mr. Purcell was married, May 23, 1891, to Martha Redmond, of Passaic. Three children have been born to them, Margaret, Jeanie, and James.

**T**HE BECKER FAMILY, represented by the late Ludwig A. A. Becker of Livingston Township, Essex County, N. J., and his children, is of respectable German origin, and is one of the representative German-American families of that portion of New Jersey.

Ludwig A. A. Becker was born in Obernkirchen, Germany, September 26, 1830, son of August and Charlotte (Vogt) Becker, his father being a glass manufacturer. He received an excellent education in his native land, where he continued until the age of thirty. He then came to America, and purchased a farm in Livingston Township, Essex County, N. J., where all his children were born and where he resided until his death (November 3, 1896).

Mr. Becker was a citizen of the highest usefulness, taking an especially active interest in educational and similar matters, and serving the public in the office of school trustee.

He was married, February 26, 1860, to Matilda Henrietta Ida Bohlen, who was born in Bremen, Germany, July 17, 1835. His widow, a lady of culture and refinement, survives him. The following children were born of this union: Matilda F. Becker, Heinrich Carl Frederick August Becker (died at the age of seven months), Wilhelm Becker (married Frances Lavinia Congle, and has one child, Floyd Carl Becker), Frederick August Becker (married Alice Eveline Brenner and had one child, Carl Walter Becker, who died at the age of six), and Matilda Henrietta Ida Becker (wife of Albert Freutzloff, by whom she has had two children, one of these, Maria Louise, now surviving).

**J**AMES MADISON POST, of Nutley, Essex County, was born in Newark, N. J., January 1, 1848, son of Thomas G. and Electa (Zindle) Post. He has been a resident of Nutley for some thirty years, and is active and influential in the local affairs of that community. For a period of twenty years he has served as justice of the peace, and for four years he has held the office of town clerk of the Town of Franklin. He is a leading Republican.

Mr. Post was married in 1879 to Mary Elizabeth Stager, and has one child, Ellsworth.

**H**ERBERT HOLLY JACOBUS, of Cedar Grove, was born in Verona, N. J., April 2, 1866, son of Charles Gould and Sarah Lavinia (Graham) Jacobus. He is a descendant of the noted Kinsey Family of New Jersey. His great-grandfather Kinsey (from whom Mr. Jacobus and his children are now the only descendants in this line) was the first manufacturer of paper in continuous rolls in the United States.

Mr. Jacobus received a public school education in his native place. He is engaged in business as a designer, engraver, and printer, enjoying a reputation for the artistic character of his work, and is one of the successful men of his community.

Mr. Jacobus and his wife, Carrie E. Jacobus, have

three children, Ethel Maria, Roy Herbert, and Mil-dren Otelia.

**D**E FOREST KINGSLAND, of Belle-ville, Essex County, was born in that place on the 22d of September, 1842, his parents being John S. and Sarah (Holmes) Kingsland. He is a descendant of the noted old Kingsland Family of Hudson and Bergen Counties, N. J. The American ancestor of this family was Isaac Kingsland, nephew of Major Nathaniel Kingsland, of the Parish of Christ Church on the Island of Barbadoes. By his uncle's will Isaac received a large tract of land on New Barbadoes Neck, N. J., whither he removed in the latter part of the seventeenth century, having his residence on the east bank of the Passaic River. He was a man of some mark, and for several years was a member of the Governor's Council. His estate was adjacent to that of the Schuylers, and on the ancestral lands the Kingslands lived for several generations, maintaining a high social position and being distinguished for their elegant hospitality. (See Clute's History of Hudson County, N. J., pp. 545-549.)

De Forest Kingsland is one of the principal representatives now living in New Jersey of this noteworthy family. He has always resided in Belleville, the place of his birth. He has pursued a successful

business career, and is a well-known contractor and builder.

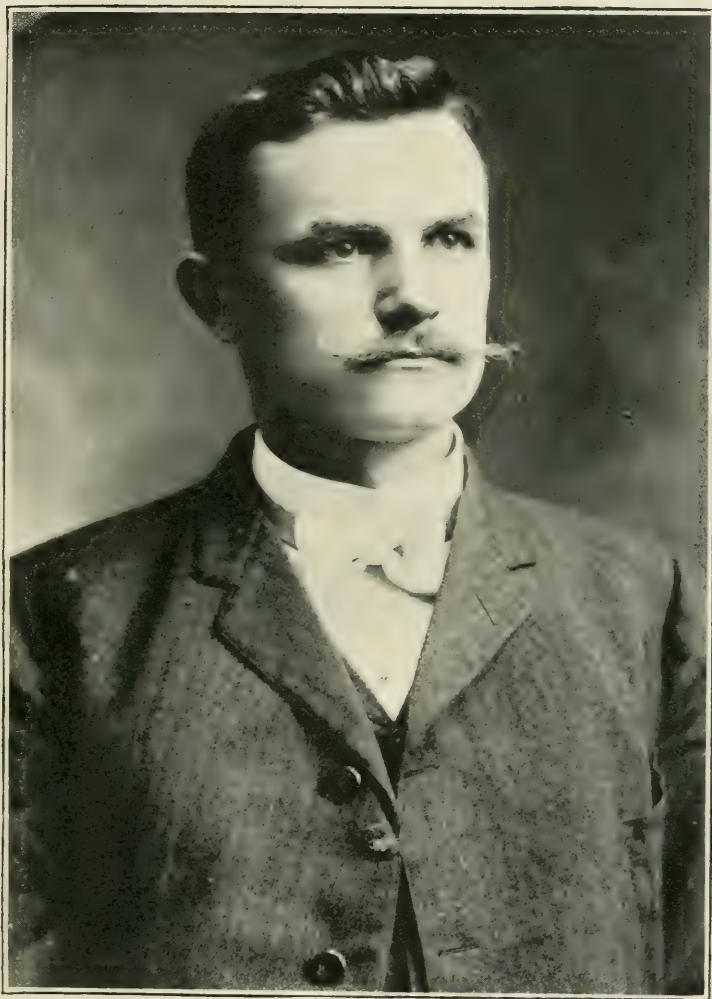
He married Miss Hannah Brown. They have three children, Lucy, Clara, and John.

**C**HARLES AUGUST ECK, of Belleville, a successful inventor, and prominently identified with the industrial interests of the community where he resides, was born in the Kingdom of Sweden, March 9, 1870. He received his education in his native country, coming to America in early manhood.

Possessing eminent natural abilities as an inventor, Mr. Eck turned these to profitable account, especially in the department of improvements in electrical appliances. Receiving a variety of valuable patents on his inventions, he organized the Eck Dynamo and Motor Works at Belleville, and engaged in the manufacture of electrical machinery. In this venture he has enjoyed a high degree of success, and his machinery (all of which is constructed from his inventions) has come into extensive use. Although a young man, he is known as one of the representative citizens of Belleville and one of the active promoters of its local interests.

Mr. Eck was married in Stockholm, Sweden, to Miss Clara Anderson, and has four children.





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**C**HARLES WILFRED HUNTER, of Caldwell, Essex County, son of the late well-known Dr. C. H. Hunter, was born in Caldwell, January 31, 1872.

His father, Dr. C. H. Hunter (born December 8, 1827, died August 11, 1887), was one of the most conspicuous citizens of his times in that community, and a physician of high reputation. He was of Scotch descent, his parents being William and Elizabeth T. (Halsey) Hunter. In early life he was a pharmacist in New York City, later graduating in medicine from the old Medical University of New York. He became the owner of a beautiful country residence at Caldwell, known as "Laurel Hurst" (now the property of his son, Charles Wilfred Hunter), with extensive and finely improved grounds. Dr. Hunter was a most esteemed and valuable citizen of that community. He was a prominent member of the Caldwell Presbyterian Church, in whose welfare he took a deep interest. He married, May 24, 1866, Annie O., daughter of William H. and Maria Halsey, of Hanover, N. J.

Charles Wilfred Hunter was educated at the Peekskill Military Academy. Like his father he is a public spirited citizen of Caldwell. Most of his attention is devoted to the management of the large interests inherited from his parents.

He married, July 2, 1892, Mabel L., daughter of Frank F. Ward, and has one child, Celeste.

**J**ACKSON HYER, of Roseland, was born on the farm where he still resides, May 20, 1830, son of Isaac and Phebe (Osborn) Hyer. His father—son of John and Elizabeth (Headley) Hyer—was a native of Short Hills, N. J., served as a volunteer soldier in the War of 1812, and in 1815 purchased the farm at Roseland which is now the property of his son. The family of Isaac Hyer consisted of eight children: John, Hannah, Caroline, Elizabeth, Rachel, Jackson, Mary, and Phebe.

Jackson Hyer has throughout his long life been engaged in farming and dairying pursuits at his native place. He is a citizen of the highest personal character, whose influence has at all times been exercised for the best moral and material interests of his community. He is a member of the Roseland Presbyterian Church.

He married Mary J. Luck, and has two children, John and Bessie (wife of Stephen J. Speer).

**R**OBERT BOYLE, a public official and enterprising citizen of the Borough of Totowa, Passaic County, was born in Paterson, N. J., February 28, 1865, son of David and Catherine (High) Boyle. His father was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, September 3, 1818, came to America in 1839, and two years later removed to Paterson, where he

was engaged as foreman in the weaving departments of mills, and where he died on the 8th of May, 1883. Mr. Boyle's mother was also a native of Forfarshire; she was born February 22, 1826, and died November 15, 1878.

The son was reared and educated in Paterson. After serving an apprenticeship (1881-86) as millwright and general machinist, he obtained employment at his trade, being thus engaged at Dover, N. J., from 1886 to 1887, at Paterson from 1887 to 1888, and at Boonton from 1888 to 1892.

In the latter year Mr. Boyle embarked in the hotel and pleasure ground business in Totowa Borough, establishing Willard Park, which since has acquired much popularity as a place of recreation and amusement. He is actively interested in the development and improvement of property in Totowa Borough, being identified with the Cherryfield Park Land Company and the Willard Park Land Company.

Mr. Boyle is a public spirited and influential citizen of the borough. He was one of the original petitioners for the incorporation of Totowa Borough in 1898, and served as borough councilman from 1898 to 1901.

He was married, June 15, 1888, to Martha Dunkerley. Their children are Harriet, Martha, Robert, Catherine, Bessie, Alice, and Laura May.

**W**ILLIAM A. FERGUSON, of Little Falls, Passaic County, is a native of the North of Ireland, where he was born on the 11th of June, 1858, his parents being William and Margaret (Henry) Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson received his education in the public schools of Paterson. He is engaged in the stone crushing, road making, and general contracting business, and has had a successful and creditable career.

He married Mary Ferguson, also of Irish parentage, and has eight children, William A., Maggie, Robert, Minnie, Thomas, Annie, George, and Walter.

**A**G. F. WERNER, of Richfield, Passaic County, was born in Germany, June 28, 1859. He has been a resident of Richfield for the past twenty years, and is one of the successful market gardeners of that locality.

Mr. Werner married, June 8, 1886, Kate Freese, of Richfield, and has two children, Gustave and Otto.



WILLIAM A. FERGUSON





**F**RANK STONE TAITER, of Far Hills, civil engineer, was born in Morristown, N. J., December 16, 1862, son of Thomas P. and Josephine (Brooks) Tainter. He is a descendant of Joseph Taynter, a settler at Watertown, Mass., in 1638, and Captain John Brooks, of Medford, Mass., who arrived in this country in 1634.

Mr. Tainter received a preparatory education at the Morris Academy, also pursuing a special lecture course at Princeton College. Since 1881 he has been engaged in professional work as a civil engineer, enjoying a high reputation. His professional engagements have been largely in connection with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and he has been identified in a responsible capacity with such important public works as the Croton Aqueduct and the Adirondack survey, besides assisting in the construction of various Southern and Southwestern railways and pursuing an extensive general practice. Besides the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, he is identified with the American Bell Telephone Company and other corporations.

He is a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Engineers' Club, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Players' Club of New York, the Arts Club of New York, and the Morristown Club.

He was married in New York City, November 19, 1892, to Miss Susan Bayard.

**S**IMON BRAEN, of Totowa, Passaic County, was born in Franklin Township, Bergen County, N. J., November 26, 1856, son of John and Martha (Van Haste) Braen. Mr. Braen is of Hollandish descent. He was educated in the schools of Bergen and Passaic Counties. He is engaged successfully in the business of blacksmithing, and is a substantial, respected, and influential citizen. In March, 1903, he was elected to the office of commissioner of appeals, a position in which he is now serving a term of three years.

He married, first, Mary Breen, and second (May, 1893) Susie Kriger. He has four children, born of his first marriage.

**A**DRIAN VAN RIPER, of Paterson, was born in Passaic County, N. J., August 10, 1845, son of John Broadbery and Gertrude (Van Houten) Van Riper. He was reared on the paternal farm, receiving a public school education. At the age of twenty-four he learned the business of baker, in which he later engaged on his own account, successfully pursuing this avocation for some twenty years. He is now retired from active life.

Mr. Van Riper is a member of Lafayette Council No. 549, Royal Arcanum.

He was married, in Upper Montclair, N. J., June



GEORGE J. FERRY



13, 1866, to Mary E. Zeek, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Zeek. Their children are Frank, Maggie May, Jennie, Abraham Z., Julia L., William B., and Carrie V.

**W**ILLIAM LEMKE, of Clifton, Passaic County, was born in the city of Paterson, N. J., December 8, 1877, son of Louis Lemke, a native of Germany, who came to this country and settled in Paterson, being engaged there in the carpentering business. The son has devoted himself to contracting enterprises, in which he has been successful. He is a representative citizen of Clifton, being active in the public affairs of that community. On the 10th of March, 1903, he was elected a member of the Township Committee for a term of three years.

**G**EORGE JACKSON FERRY, of Mendham, was born in New York City, November 28, 1830, son of Sylvester and Emily (Downing) Ferry. His early life was spent in Connecticut, where he received a public school education. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the business of hat manufacturer at Bethel, Conn., continuing there for the next three years. In 1855 he removed to



New York City, where he has since had his business interests—a period of nearly half a century. He conducts large manufacturing plants at Newark, N. J., and Newburgh, N. Y.

Mr. Ferry is one of the most prominent old citizens of his portion of New Jersey. While never an aspirant for political honors, he has been called to positions of dignity and responsibility, in which he has rendered efficient service. By the appointment of Governor Joel Parker he acted as one of the members of the Commission to revise the Constitution of New Jersey; and for three terms he occupied the office of mayor of Orange, N. J.

He married, first, in May, 1851, Elizabeth Bradley, of Bethel, Conn.; married, second, September 3, 1872, Virginia Green. His children are Edward S., Sarah Frances, Charles Downey, George J., Jr., Clarence M., and William Henry.

**J**AMES ARUNDELL MURRAY, of Belleville, Essex County, was born in that community on the 23d of March, 1869, his parents being John and Hannah (Moran) Murray. He was educated in the schools of Belleville and Newark, and after completing his education engaged in employment. For the past fourteen years he has been in the employ of the Eastwood Manufacturing Company.

He has always taken an active interest in the local

public affairs of Belleville, and is known as a representative and useful citizen. He has served as town committeeman and freeholder (1901 and 1903), and has been connected with the Belleville Fire Department for the past nine years, at present being second assistant chief of the department. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, of the Newark Lodge of Elks, No. 21, of Saint Patrick's Alliance, and of the Order of Hibernians.

Mr. Murray married Miss Nellie M. Murray. Their children are Hannah, Mary, Geneva, and James.

**T**HOMAS H. BREEN, of Belleville, Essex County, was born in Newark, N. J., May 16, 1858, his parents being Bernard B. and Elizabeth (McDowell) Breen. After completing his education in the public schools of Newark, he engaged in business employment, subsequently embarking in trade on his own account. His business career, in connection especially with brush manufacturing and laundry interests, has been marked by substantial success.

He occupies a recognized position among the leading influential citizens of Belleville, and, taking an active interest in all the concerns of that handsome community, he has been honored by election to local offices. He is at present a member of the Belleville

Town Council and Board of Health. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

**H**ENRY VAN NESS JACOBUS, of Cedar Grove, Essex County, was born in that community on the 12th of April, 1838, his parents being Isaac I. Jacobus (who died in 1871 at the age of sixty-nine) and Rachel (Van Ness) Jacobus (whose death occurred in 1891, aged eighty-nine). In both his paternal and maternal lines of descent Mr. Jacobus comes from families whose early ancestors in this country were emigrants from Holland. To his parents ten children were born, as follows: Garret I., Ephraim I., James W., Silas E., Caroline, Isaac M., Rachel A., Henry Van Ness, Sophia F., and Elizabeth.

Mr. Jacobus was actively and successfully engaged for many years in the carpentering and building business, but retiring from those occupations devoted himself to farming, in which his father and most of his ancestors were engaged. He is a prominent and respected old citizen, and has rendered useful service in official position, having served as town committeeman for many years and (for one term) as freeholder.

He married Frances, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hughes) Ettenborough. Children of this union: Alonzo H. (born in 1861), Raymond Van Ness (born in 1863), and Maude E. (deceased).

**R**ICHARD J. MAXWELL, of Bloomfield, prominent in business enterprises and also in public affairs, was born in Fairhaven, Conn., October 5, 1853, his parents being Captain Jack and Margaret (Martin) Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell's father was throughout his life engaged in seafaring pursuits, commanding several vessels.

The son received a public school education at Perth Amboy, N. J. His active life has been devoted mainly to the general contracting business, in which he has enjoyed substantial success. Among his other interests, he is at present contractor and builder of public roads for Bloomfield.

He has always taken an active interest in politics, and is now the recognized leader of the Republican party in Bloomfield. He occupies the official position of supervisor of the County of Essex. Mr. Maxwell is a public spirited citizen, whose success is the result of energetic and popular personal qualities. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

He married, in Bloomfield, Miss Catherine Elizabeth King. Their children are Jennie Amelia, George Walter, Richard, Edward, Margaret, Gertrude, Frank, Sarah, Jack, Abram, Grace (deceased), and William Bentley.

**R**USSELL FITZ RANDOLPH, a prominent and enterprising citizen of Bernardsville, was born at Shark River, now Belmar, N. J., August 2, 1868.

At the age of seventeen he entered the Centenary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown, N. J., from which he was graduated in 1885. After completing his education Mr. Fitz Randolph was for a time engaged in teaching in School District No. 3, Staten Island. This position he resigned to engage in mercantile employment, and for ten years thereafter was in the employ of Swinton & Company, of Port Jervis, N. Y. In 1898 he removed to Bernardsville, N. J., where he associated himself with James W. Lent in a business partnership styled the James W. Lent Agency, engaged in real estate, insurance, and similar transactions. This co-partnership has continued to the present time, and has been highly successful.

Mr. Fitz Randolph has taken an especially active and influential part in all matters related to the local interests and development of Bernardsville. He was one of the incorporators (September 28, 1903) of the Bernardsville National Bank, of which he is now vice-president and director. He is also secretary of the Citizen's Committee of Seventeen, established for the purpose of advancing local improvements, etc., in Bernardsville. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



He was married, in 1891, to Elizabeth A. Stone, of High Bridge, N. J., and has one child, Willametta.

Mr. Russell Fitz Randolph is a grandson of Simeon Fitz Randolph, a notable citizen of Newark of his times, who was for many years the proprietor of a stage line, and who died in 1885, at an advanced age.

The father of Russell Fitz Randolph, Rev. Wilson Fitz Randolph, was born in Newark, N. J., May 22, 1839. He received his education at the Evanston Theological College of Illinois, a Methodist institution, from which he was graduated, and soon afterward entered the Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Returning to New Jersey, he settled at Shark River (now Belmar), becoming a member of the Newark Conference, in which he was a zealous and influential worker during the period of his residence in New Jersey. In this connection he built a church, one of the finest in South Jersey, at Port Republic, and became one of the originators of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, being among the first to occupy a tent at Ocean Grove. Later he was recalled to Wisconsin, where he continued until declining health obliged him to resign. After a brief residence at the South he again returned to his native State, resuming his membership in the Newark Conference. He retired from active ministerial labors in 1899. He now resides with his son, Russell Fitz Randolph, at Bernardsville. Rev. Wilson Fitz Ran-



dolph was married, September 11, 1866, to Harriet Louisa Russell, of Ripon, Wis.

Mr. Russell Fitz Randolph is a brother of Rev. Herbert Fitz Randolph, who was born at Port Republic, N. J., 1870. He was graduated from the Centenary Collegiate Institute and later from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Being admitted as a member of the Newark Conference, he began preaching at North Plainfield, N. J. From this pastorate he was called to a charge at Bernardsville, where he remained for two years. During the past six years he has been engaged in a ministry at South Orange, achieving great success, both in increasing the membership of his congregation and in building additional church property. He married, at North Plainfield, N. J., Miss Elva Wolf, of Pottsville, Pa. Of this union three children have been born, Donald F., Dorothy, and Herbert F.

Another brother of Russell Fitz Randolph was the late Wilson Fitz Randolph, born in Port Republic, N. J., February 1, 1873. After graduating from the Centenary Collegiate Institute he entered the Dickinson Law School. While pursuing his studies there he was engaged in teaching. He was honored by election as president of his class. He died in August, 1895, from hasty consumption brought on by overwork.

**D**AVID JENKINS, of Nutley, Essex County, was born in Franklin, N. J., September 2, 1846, son of Frederick and Ellen Louisa (Moore) Jenkins.

His father is still living, aged eighty.

Both father and son were volunteer soldiers in the War of the Rebellion, the former serving in the Twenty-sixth New Jersey Infantry and the latter in the Thirty-ninth New Jersey Infantry. At the battle of Petersburg; April 2, 1865, Mr. David Jenkins was wounded and taken prisoner.

He is engaged in the painting business, and is a representative and esteemed citizen of Nutley.

He was married, June 18, 1873, to Anna Birtwistle, of Franklin. Their children are Charles Edwin and Margaret Ellen.

**H**ENRY PLOCK, of Richfield, Passaic County, was born in the city of Paterson, February 4, 1864, son of Conrad and Catharine (Lotz) Plock.

He is engaged in dairying and general farming, and has enjoyed a successful career.

Mr. Plock was married, November 25, 1887, to Maggie P. Stockard, of Richfield. Two children have been born to them, Della C., and Hilda P.

**R** EUBEN WALLACE COBB, of Roseland, was born in Morris County, N. J., September 25, 1842, son of Stephen B. and Harriet E. Cobb.

Mr. Cobb has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is one of the respected old citizens of his portion of New Jersey. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

He married Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth (Robinson) Winans, widow of Charles Winans, by whom he has four children: Harriet Elizabeth, Nancy Lavina, Annie Viola, and Emma Maria. A daughter of Mrs. Cobb by her first marriage, Adelaide, resides with the family.

**G** EORGE ELIAS TAYLOR, a successful farmer and dairyman of Cedar Grove, Essex County, was born on the paternal farm at that place, March 3, 1872, his parents being Sebastian C. and Mary Teresa (Vreeland) Taylor, whose other children are Edwin Hardy Taylor and Miss Edith Taylor. He is a grandson on his father's side of Andrew P. and Hester Taylor, and on his mother's side of Elias Vreeland.

Mr. Taylor received a substantial education in the schools of Cedar Grove and Montclair, N. J., subsequently completing his studies in the New Jersey Bus-

iness College. Following the pursuit of farming, to which he was reared, he is one of the principal citizens of his section in that occupation. He has also applied his activities to the dairying business, in which he has enjoyed substantial prosperity. Although a young man, he occupies a position of influence in the community. He is a member of the Union Congregational Church.

Mr. Taylor married Mary P., daughter of Robert Chesney. Their children are Earle A. and Robert.

**W**ATSON WILLIAMS WILSON, of Little Falls, Passaic County, a representative business man of that community and public official of his township, was born at White Hall, Morris County, N. J., December 31, 1864, his parents being John E. and Eliza A. (Kithcart) Wilson. His father was a volunteer soldier in the Civil War, serving in the Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry.

Mr. Wilson is engaged in the news business in Little Falls. He was elected assessor of Little Falls Township in 1903 for a term of three years. He is a member of Emmanuel Lodge No. 200, I. O. O. F., of Bloomingdale, Passaic County.

He was married at Butler, N. J., July 3, 1887, to Miss Grace Oldfield. They have one child, Clarence.

**D**IEDRICH HENNIGER, of Richfield, Passaic County, is a native of Germany, having been born on the 11th of September, 1864. His education was received in his native country. Mr.

Henniger has been a citizen of Richfield since 1884, and is engaged successfully in market gardening. He is one of the representative and influential men of his locality. Since 1898 he has been a member of the Board of Education of Acquackanonck Township. He is a member of the Order of the Heptasophs.

He was married, April 27, 1890, to Miss Wilhelmina Von Drele, and has three children, Louisa, aged twelve, Anna, aged ten, and Frederick, aged six.

**M**ARTIN H. R. VAN HOVENBERG, of Paterson, a leading member of the bar, was born in New York City, November 13, 1848, son of Martin H. R. and Mary Teresa (O'Connor) Van Hovenberg. It is supposed that the Van Hovenberg Family originated in Switzerland, thence emigrating to Holland. From the latter country it was transplanted to America at an early period of colonial history. Its progenitor in this country was a clergyman of the Dutch Reformed Church, who settled at Kingston, N. Y.

Mr. Van Hovenberg's grandfather, Dr. Henry



DIEDRICH HENNIGER





Van Hovenberg, was born at Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y., was graduated in medicine, and removed to New York City, where he engaged in practice and became one of the most prominent physicians of his times. He had charge of Bellevue Hospital and the Charity Hospital on Blackwell's Island, and served as health officer of the Port of New York. During the War of 1812 he was a surgeon in the army. He was a conspicuous member of the Democratic party in the metropolis. Dr. Van Hovenberg married a daughter of General Martin Hermance, and had three children born to him, of whom Martin H. R. was the eldest.

Martin H. R. Van Hovenberg, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Kingston, N. Y., in 1814. He was educated at the New York University, and studied law and practiced his profession in New York for many years. From 1853 to 1859 he resided in Baltimore, where he owned and conducted a celebrated newspaper, the *Weekly Dispatch*. Returning to New York he resumed the practice of the law, in which he continued until his retirement in 1893. He married Mary Teresa O'Connor. Their surviving children are Martin H. R., of Paterson; Alfred, a prominent attorney in San Francisco, formerly assistant county judge of Passaic County, N. J.; Robert E., a lawyer of Paterson; James J., a lawyer of Los Angeles County, Cal., and Julia, wife of Henry Leonard of Manchester Township, Passaic County, N. J.

Martin H. R. Van Hovenberg, the son, was educated in New York City, the place of his birth. At

an early age he began the study of the law in his father's office, later attending the law department of the New York University, but owing to ill health was unable to complete his course in that institution. He began his professional career in New York City, but in 1892 removed to Paterson, where he has since been a successful practitioner.

Mr. Van Hovenberg has always been active in politics, and is one of the prominent Democrats of Passaic County. He has taken much interest in Masonry, being a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 488, F. and A. M., of New York City; Zetland Chapter No. 141, R. O. M.; Morton Commandery No. 4, K. T.; and also a Shriner from Mecca Temple and a member of the Eastern Star.

He holds the public office of justice of the peace, and is a master in chancery.

He married Emma Lydia Epprecht, daughter of Henry Epprecht, of New York City.

**A**BRAM A. LYDECKER, M. D.—The Lydecker Family is descended from ancestors who emigrated from the Netherlands and Western Germany at an early colonial period, about 1640, and settled first on Long Island and subsequently along the Hudson River in Bergen County, N. J. The members of this family have always enjoyed high repute as patriotic, useful, and enterprising citizens. Garret

Lydecker, great-great-grandfather of Dr. Abram A. Lydecker, was a captain in the Revolutionary War, and the doctor's great-grandfather, Albert G. Lydecker, served his country as a volunteer soldier in the War of 1812; he was engaged in manufacturing business, and died at the great age of ninety-two. Abram H. Lydecker, grandfather of Mr. Lydecker, was a manufacturer, farmer, and merchant, who removed to Virginia previously to the Civil War, and also lived to the advanced age of eighty-three.

Abram A. Lydecker was born at Mount Prospect (Ramsey post-office), Bergen County, N. J., June 22, 1859, son of Albert A. and Christiana (Ackerman) Lydecker. His father, who is still living, has pursued an active career as a manufacturer and civil engineer.

Mr. Lydecker received his early education at the New Jersey State Normal School, later pursuing a special course at the Pennsylvania College. He was graduated and received his medical degree from the University of New York in the class of 1890. He has since been engaged in medical practice in Ohio and New Jersey, also having the legal right to practice his profession in New York. He has served the public as health inspector and president of the Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale, Bergen County, N. J., and health inspector of the Borough of Prospect Park, Passaic County, N. J., of the Borough of North Haledon, Passaic County, N. J., and of Manchester Township, Passaic County, N. J.

He resides at Haledon, and is in all respects a representative and influential citizen of that community.

He is a member of the Ohio Valley Medical Society, Haledon, N. J., Lodge No. 169, Free and Accepted Masons, and Sardis Lodge No. 517, Knights of Pythias (located at Sardis, O.).

He was married, at New Matamoras, Washington County, O., in January, 1891, to Millie Thekla Gano, of Newport, Washington County, O., by whom he has one child, Albert A. Lydecker.

**G**EORGE W. CONNOR, of Little Falls, Passaic County, a well known and successful manufacturer, was born in New York City, son of Patrick and Mary Ann (Corbet) Connor.

Mr. Connor received a public school education. He has been a resident of Little Falls since 1869. His business interest is that of brick manufacturer, as head of the firm of Connor & Cuff, the works being in Totowa Borough. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Little Falls Council No. 1195.

He was married, November, 1893, to Emma Duckstall. Children of this union: Mary Ella, Emma Elsie, Delphina, and Margueretta.



HERMAN B. KESSE





**F**RANCIS GIBSON is one of the most representative men of the business community of Belleville, and enjoys a well-earned position as a public spirited and valuable citizen. He was born in Grey Abbey, County Down, Ireland, September 6, 1848, son of James and Margaret (McQuaid) Gibson. In 1882 he came to the United States, making his home in Belleville. Here he engaged in the boot and shoe trade, and in this enterprise he has enjoyed marked success. His establishment is one of the most extensive in that portion of New Jersey.

Mr. Gibson is a member of the Town Council of Belleville, having been elected to that position March 10, 1903. In political affairs he is an active supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of Belleville Council No. 108, F. and A. M., and Seth Boyden Council No. 1,356, R. A.

In 1870 he was married to Miss Sarah McKenzie. The children of this union are Elizabeth, James, Margaret, Samuel, William H., Frank, Isabel, John, and Robert.

**H**ERMAN B. KESSE, of Athenia, Passaic County, prominent in the public affairs of his portion of New Jersey, and an energetic and successful business man, was born in New York City, April 16, 1867, son of John Henry and Anna M. (Pahlmann) Kesse. His parents (both natives

of the Kingdom of Hanover) came to America in 1859. Their other children are George Kesse, who is engaged in mercantile business in Paterson, and Anna M. Kesse, wife of Frank Schlosser, of Clifton, N. J. John Henry Kesse, the father, became a resident of Athenia in 1867, and was in the hotel business there until bought out by his son Herman.

Herman B. Kesse received a public school education, supplemented by a special course in Latimer's Business College, Paterson. After completing his studies he was engaged for a time in clerical work in New York City, but left this employment to go with his father, becoming his partner upon attaining his majority. In 1896 he purchased his father's interest in the hotel, which he personally conducted for the next five years, disposing of it at the end of that time. He has since devoted his attention mostly to the buying and selling of seeds, and in this business has been successful.

From boyhood Mr. Kesse has taken an active interest in political affairs, in support of the Democratic party, in which he occupies a position of influence. In 1892 he was elected township clerk of Acquackanonck Township, and in 1893 was re-elected (under the new law) for a term of three years. He was nominated for freeholder of Passaic County in 1898, but was defeated. In 1899 he was elected tax collector of Acquackanonck Township.

He is a member of the Richfield Rod and Gun Club, of the Improved Order of Heptasophs (Silk

City Chapter, No. 232), and of the National Union (Garret Rock Council, No. 785).

He was married, in 1891, to Sophie E. Schlack. They have two children: Henry E. Kesse, born October 24, 1894, and Johanna A. Kesse, born October 28, 1897.

**A**MOS THATCHER, of Flemington, Hunterdon County, was born in Raritan Township, in that county, November 27, 1843. His parents were Robert and Margaret (Trout) Thatcher, the former being a descendant of an old family of Chester County, Pa., and the latter also coming from good Pennsylvania stock.

He received a common school education at his native place, and subsequently attended Eastman's College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Reared on a farm, and his tastes being for agricultural occupations, he naturally devoted himself to farming as a business, and in this pursuit he has always continued. He is also engaged largely in fruit growing.

Mr. Thatcher is a prominent citizen. From 1897 to 1900 he served in the responsible office of freeholder of Hunterdon County. He is a member of Darcy Lodge No. 37, F. and A. M.

He was married, November 18, 1868, at Flemington, to Isabella Capner. Children of this union:

Marguerite, Robert, John C., Louisa, Hugh W., Amos, and Christiania.

**J**ACOB ROUSCH, of Roseland, was born in Westville, N. J., January 9, 1860, son of George and Catherine (Volk) Rousch. Both his parents were natives of Germany, and were married in that country. His father is still living, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Livingston Township.

Mr. Jacob Rousch is a successful farmer of his community, and has a reputation as a public spirited and useful citizen. He is a Republican in his political relations.

He married Lizzie Dunbar. They have three children, Emma (wife of Barnard Schweinberg), George, and William J.

**C**HARLES J. KELLER, of Newark, was born in that city on the 28th of August, 1866, son of Charles and Hannah (Haskett) Keller. He was educated in his native city, where he has always resided.

Mr. Keller is a popular citizen, active in politics, and connected with various societies. He is an influential member of the Democratic party, and is at present serving the public as one of the Board of Free-

holders. He is a member of the Young Men's Catholic Club, the Elks, the Iron Moulders' Association, and the Gottfried Krueger Association.

He married Miss Katherine Byrne.

**R**OBERT E. VAN HOVENBERG, of Paterson, lawyer, was born in New York City, May 16, 1860, son of Martin H. R. and Mary Teresa (O'Connor) Van Hovenberg. Mr. Van Hovenberg is a brother of Martin H. R. Van Hovenberg, who also is a lawyer in Paterson.

He was educated in the schools of Paterson, pursued legal studies in that city, and was admitted to the bar of New Jersey as attorney in November, 1882, and as counsellor in 1885. His career at the bar has been one of reputation and success.

He is a member of Joppa Lodge No. 29, F. and A. M., and is also a Royal Arch Mason. He is prominent in the musical circles of the city, being at present organist of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, and formerly held the same position in the Church of the Holy Communion (Protestant Episcopal).

He married, in New York City, Miss Emily Spangmacher.

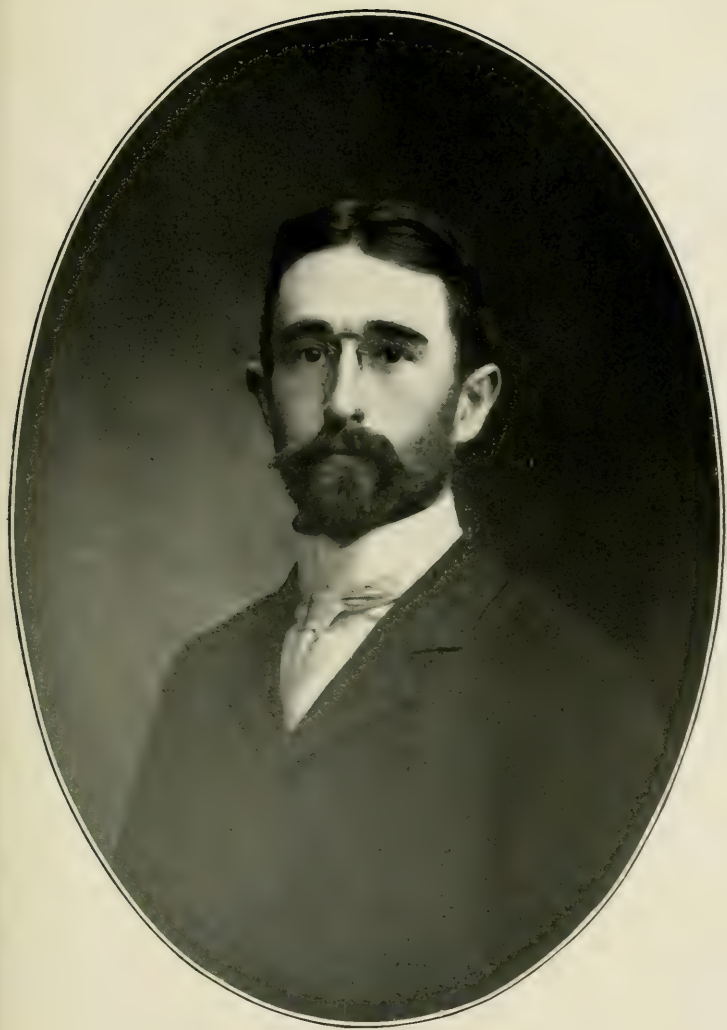


**J**OHN C. YOUNG, of Cedar Grove, Essex County, was born in Newark, N. J., September 19, 1862, son of Peter and Regina Young. His early years were spent in Waverly, Essex County, N. J., where he received a good public school education. He has always devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, and is today one of the most representative and successful truck farmers of his section. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat. Mr. Young is known and respected as a man of marked force of character, progressive, and enterprising, and is a valuable citizen.

He was married, in Orange Valley, N. J., to Elizabeth Crissing. Children: John P., Frederick G., and Joseph P.

**H**ERMAN NEDERBURGH, of Carteret, was born in Lausanne, Switzerland, June 7, 1876, son of R. W. and Anna (Bauer) Nederburgh, his father being of Hollandish extraction and his mother German. He received his education in Holland, coming to the United States in January, 1895, at the age of eighteen. Soon afterward he entered the works of the American Lucul Company, manufacturers of paints and oils, at Carteret, N. J. With this concern he has since continued, occupying a responsible position.

Mr. Nederburgh takes an active interest in the af-



HERMAN NEDERBURGH



fairs of the community in which he resides, and is one of the representative young men of his section.

He is a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, Americus Lodge No. 83, of Woodbridge, N. J.

**C**HARLES LUCAS, of Brookdale (Bloomfield), Essex County, was born in England, May 23, 1852, son of Silas and Keziah (Brown) Lucas. He is a well-known and successful citizen of his community, where he is engaged in the carpentering business. He is a member of the National Provident Union, Phil Kearney Council No. 35.

Mr. Lucas married Eliza Moore, and has three children, Jennie, Maggie, and Charles.

**H**ENRY NELSON STAGMEIER, of Lyndhurst, Bergen County, an active and successful business man of that portion of New Jersey, was born in Lyndhurst, January 8, 1870, son of John and Caroline (Miller) Stagmeier. He was reared and received a good education in his native place, subsequently engaging in business as a grocer and butcher, and in these departments of trade has enjoyed a prosperous career.

Mr. Stagmeier, as a representative and trusted cit-

izen, has been conspicuous in the public affairs of his community, having served as postmaster, and for two terms as freeholder. He is a member of Lyndhurst Lodge No. 225, I. O. O. F.

He married Miss Violet Cass, and has four children, Mabel, Marian, Alice, and Olive.

**J**OHN FRANKLIN VAN DOREN, of Verona, Essex County, was born in Chester, N. J., March 10, 1877. He descends from one of the old families of New Jersey, the first ancestors in this country having been of of Hollandish origin. Mr. Van Doren's grandfather was Peter Van Doren, his parents being Jacob and Lucinda (Bird) Van Doren. The parental family consisted of five children, as follows: George, Daniel, Minnie, Emma, and John F.

John F. Van Doren was reared on his father's farm, subsequently learning the blacksmithing and carriage making trades. He is one of the successful young men of his community.

He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Patriotic Sons of America.

**G**EORGE SMITH MARTIN, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Verona, Essex County, is of the third generation of the Martin Family in that township, both his father and grandfather before him having owned and operated the farm where he resides. He is a great-grandson of Jeremiah Martin, who was a farmer at North Caldwell, and who died in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The family is descended from Hollandish forefathers. The grandfather of Mr. George S. Martin was Enos Martin, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He purchased the farm in Verona Township which is now the property of his grandson, and here he died in 1810. In addition to his agricultural pursuits, he carried on business as a weaver. His wife was Jane Personet, a member of an old and prominent New Jersey family. Calvin Martin, father of George S. Martin, was born on the parental homestead, and was an enterprising and useful citizen in his generation. He married Phebe Crane, of the distinguished old Crane Family of Essex County, their children being Jane E., Elizabeth, George Smith, Caroline, Enos, and Charlotte. Calvin Martin was born August 22, 1790. His wife was born February 22, 1792.

George Smith Martin has worthily sustained the honorable reputation of his family, and throughout his long life has maintained the character of a useful and public spirited citizen. He has always devoted



himself to farming, the occupation of his ancestors, and his property, comprising some seventy acres, is among the representative farms of that portion of New Jersey.

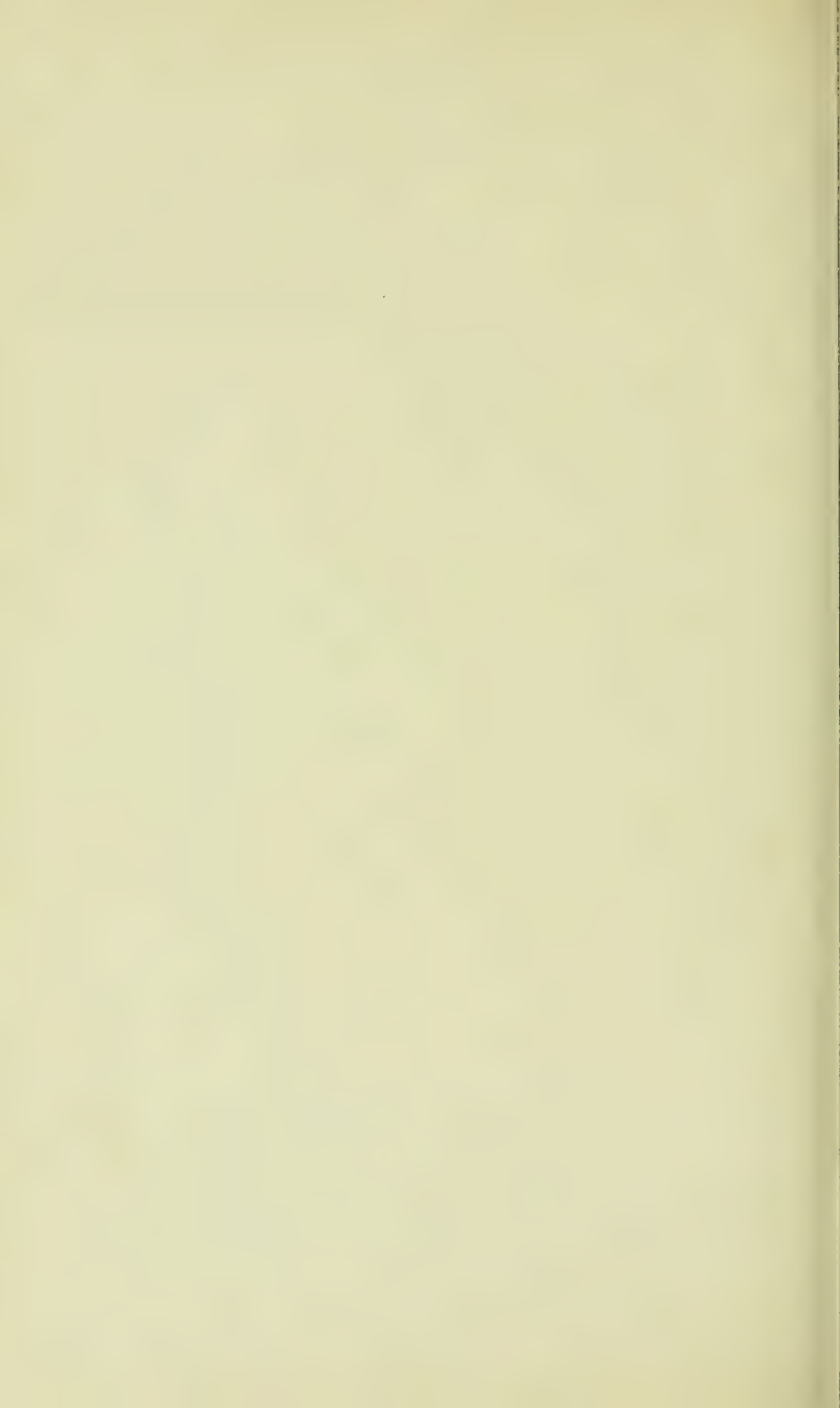
**R**ICHARD R. POST, of Passaic, was born in Passaic County, N. J., February 15, 1821, son of Richard A. and Natitia (Van Riper) Post. He is descended from one of the very early colonial families of New Jersey.

Mr. Post's grandfather, Adrian Post, was the proprietor of more than two hundred acres of land in Passaic County, upon a portion of which the city of Passaic has been built. The father of Mr. Post, Richard A. Post, was in early life a farmer, but subsequently was the proprietor of a sawmill, which he conducted until his death. He was the father of eleven children, of whom the only present survivor is Richard R.

Richard R. Post received a common school education, and in early life was associated with his father in his sawmill enterprise. He was afterward, for some years, engaged in the business of carpenter, which he abandoned to devote the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. For the past ten years he has been living in retirement. He is one of the oldest citizens of his community. He is a member of



RICHARD R. POST



the First Reformed Church of Passaic, in which for many years he held the office of deacon.

Mr. Post was married, first, to Jane Jacobus, by whom he had seven children, the surviving ones being Adrian, Peter, William C., and John. He was married, second, to Claudina (who still survives), widow of Charles Ronk.

**W**ILLARD SPENCE TOWNE, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Albany, N. Y., January 7, 1865, son of Milton C. and Anna Elizabeth (Mulligan) Towne.

He is a well-known and prominent citizen of his community, and has had a successful career as a contractor.

Mr. Towne married, November 26, 1885, Miss Lillian M. Folts, of Herkimer, N. Y.

**H**ENRY JOHN RUDOLPH, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born in Germany, February 6, 1854, son of Frederick and Catherine Rudolph.

He received his education in his native country, where also he learned the business of florist. In this business he has been successfully engaged throughout his residence in the United States.

He is a representative and highly respected member of the business community of Caldwell.

Mr. Rudolph has taken an active interest in the affairs of his portion of New Jersey, serving as a member of the Borough Council. He is a member of the Knights of Honor and the Brotherhood of the Union.

He was married, in New York City, May 18, 1884, to Miss Annie Paolist. Three children have been born of this union, Fred Henry, Elizabeth Anna, and Henry Herold.

**C**HARLES HENRY WELLER, of Clifton, son of Charles Henry and Pauline (Kaufman) Weller, is a native of Germany, having been born on the 6th of April, 1866. He was brought to this country by his parents when one month old. His education was received in the public schools of Utica, N. Y., and Paterson, N. J. After completing his studies he learned the printer's trade, in which he has since been engaged. He is at present foreman of the composing room of the *Passaic News*.

Mr. Weller has always taken an active part in public affairs and is now serving as a member of the Township Committee. He is prominent in the Democratic party, and is one of the members of the Passaic County Democratic Executive Committee.

He was married, in February, 1882, to Miss Cath-

erine Frede. Their children are Gustave A., Bertha, Pauline, Charles, and Joseph.

**H**ARRY HARRISON STAGER, of Nutley, Essex County, son of William H. and Susan (Winters) Stager, was born in Paterson, N. J., October 22, 1869. He is a grandson of Thomas Stager, who settled in what was then known as North Belleville.

Mr. Stager has successfully devoted himself to the painting and decorating business, in which he succeeded his father. He is a member of Nutley Lodge No. 167, F. and A. M., and Crystal Lodge No. 32, K. of P.

**C**HARLES SMITH, for many years prominently identified with important manufacturing enterprises, and an old and highly esteemed citizen of Belleville, was born in England, June 13, 1844, son of Samuel and Sabina (North) Smith. He came to this country at the age of four, and has been a resident of New Jersey for the past forty years, during twenty-five of which his home has been in Belleville.

Mr. Smith was for some twenty years secretary of the Eastwood Manufacturing Company, in which he



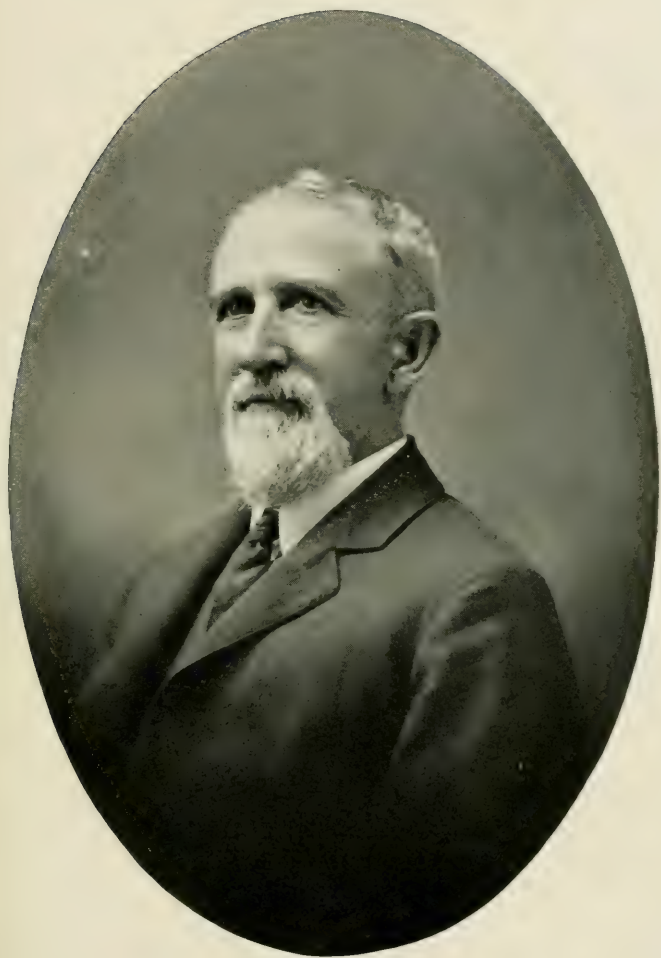
still retains an interest as a stockholder. He is now president of the American Perforated Metal Company, of Belleville, N. J.

He is a member of the Belleville Wheelmen and Belleville Lodge No. 108, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Smith was married, at Bloomfield, N. J., to Martha A. Powers, of Bloomfield, and has two children, Charles S. and Herbert P.

**S**TEPHEN SINDLE, of Little Falls, Passaic County, was born in Fairfield, N. J., October 18, 1844, son of Christopher T. and Catherine (Post) Sindle. His father was a carpenter and millwright by occupation. Mr. Sindle is one of the highly representative citizens of his portion of New Jersey. His life has been devoted to active and successful business enterprise, and no man stands higher in the esteem of the people of his community. He has long been engaged in the milling and general grain business, in which his sons are associated with him, under the firm style of S. Sindle & Sons. He was one of the first to embark in the manufacture of standard hair felt, undertaking this enterprise about the year 1879. He is at present a director in the R. M. Gilmour Manufacturing Company of 84 John Street, New York.

Mr. Sindle was married, October 2, 1866, to Anna Augusta Yorks. Five children have been born of



STEPHEN SINDLE.



this union: Harvey (deceased), Lillian, Frederick M., Harold S., and Charles C.

**J**AMES MARTIN, of Haledon, Passaic County, was born in Paterson, N. J., September 7, 1841, son of Robert and Sarah (Clark) Martin. Both his parents were of Scotch birth.

He received a common school education at Preakness, N. J. He is one of the old citizens of Haledon, occupying a position of influence and usefulness in the community. The confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens is evidenced by his uninterrupted incumbency for the past thirty years of the office of township collector.

Mr. Martin is a member of Colfax Lodge No. 212, of Paterson.

He was married, July 1, 1862, to Jane J. Stanfield, of Haledon. Their surviving children are William, Theodore, John, and Sarah.

**S**AMUEL BURRAGE REED, of Woodcliff, Bergen County, one of the most distinguished of living American architects, was born in Meriden, Conn., January 7, 1834, son of Samuel Francis and Sarah (Tharp) Reed, and grandson of Solomon and Bessie Reed and Joel and Sarah (Darling) Tharp. He

is descended in the paternal line from ancestors who came from Holland during the Revolutionary War, in which his great-grandfather took an active and prominent part. After the Revolution the family became resident in a locality in Connecticut which for more than a century has been known as Reed's Gap, lying between the mountains that skirt the eastern boundary of Wallingford, Conn.

Through his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Tharp, Mr. Reed traces his ancestry to William Tharp, one of three brothers from Leeds, England, who were among the early settlers of New Hampshire. About 1760 William Tharp removed to Meriden, Conn. (at that time a part of Wallingford), where he established himself on a farm which still remains in the family. He was a prominent and respected citizen, serving as adviser and administrator of the laws under the charter of King Charles II., of which he was the custodian. His only child was Joel Tharp (born December 10, 1778), who was the maternal grandfather of Mr. Reed.

The parents of Mr. Reed were married on the 24th of March, 1833. His father, a builder by occupation, died on the 12th of October following, at the early age of thirty-two. His mother, after the birth of her child, cared for him until he reached the age of seven, when, owing to her straitened circumstances, she followed the advice of friends and sent him to a family (old acquaintances) living in the "Black River Country" (Leyden, Lewis County, N. Y.), which at that

time was practically a wilderness, with a few settlements miles apart along what was known as the State Road. Here, without any advantages of education, and with no companions except the aged couple with whom he lived, he spent seven years of his boyhood, a period devoted to arduous and incessant labors. "He acquired a rugged physique, grew to be self-reliant, learned to think for himself, obtained valuable experiences, and developed an individuality which has remained with him and characterized his life."

When he was fourteen years old his mother came to visit him, and, seeing that his situation afforded him no prospects for the future, took him back to Meriden and apprenticed him to learn the builder's trade. While thus employed he became stimulated with an ambition for an education, and applied himself to the acquiring of useful knowledge by reading all the books he could procure. In these endeavors he received the kindly assistance of a physician, Dr. David Allen, who placed his library at his disposal and directed him in his studies. This led him to give special attention to the subject of medicine, and after two years' study he passed a successful examination and obtained a certificate qualifying him to practice that profession.

Continuing, however, his apprenticeship at his trade, he felt the liveliest interest in his chosen work, and determined to acquire a complete mastery of the science of architecture. At the age of twenty-one he removed to Flushing, Long Island. While pursuing



his occupation, he continued to perfect himself in all branches of knowledge, learned the Greek language, as well as various studies and sciences which are usually taught only in colleges, and at the age of twenty-four was in possession of an extensive library of standard works. An incident of this period deserves notice as illustrating the broad accomplishment which he had attained by his unaided exertions. As the result of a lecture delivered by him on the subject of "Mental Science," he received proposals from the faculty of an educational establishment in the neighborhood to enter that institution and organize and take charge of a special department to be devoted to mental philosophy. Feeling, however, that his interests were in the line of the architectural profession, he declined the offer.

To perfect himself in the art of architectural designing, Mr. Reed took a course of instruction under Professor James McLean (brother of Judge McLean of Ohio), who for twelve years was a designer in the employ of the Government at Washington. Gradually advancing in his profession, his work became exclusively that of a constructive architect in the highest departments of original taste and execution. For more than thirty years he has had his office at No. 245 Broadway, opposite the City Hall; and throughout this time he has planned an average of one full set of original designs per month. "He was the first to develop what has so long been known as the 'Queen Anne style,' or more properly 'Cottage Style.' The

Pinard cottages in Newport, R. I., represent his first work in that style. . . . For about twenty years his labors have been devoted to more elaborate structures. The residence of James A. Bailey (successor to P. T. Barnum) on Saint Nicholas Avenue, New York City, is an interesting and distinct type. Bloomingdale Church, Sixty-eighth Street and Broadway, New York City, was where limestone was first used in that city. The Collegiate Church on Second Avenue is a beautiful decorated Gothic. Mention of many other buildings of similar character that are now standing in many parts of the country might be made, but it is needless to extend the list." One of the latest specimens of his work is the new Passaic County Court House at Paterson, N. J., an elegant and solid structure in classic design, of white marble.

He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and is the author of five works on architecture specially intended to assist in the erection of convenient and comfortable cottages. His writings have been especially characterized by a keen sense of the practical, not less than the artistic. The sales of Mr. Reed's first book are said to have been larger than those of any other architectural work ever published.

As a citizen of Woodcliff, N. J., he has taken a prominent part in the affairs of that community, having twice served as mayor, and subsequently occupying the offices of justice of the peace and commissioner of deeds. He has always taken an active part in the

church, and is an interesting talker on religious subjects. For seven years he was a deacon in the Baptist Church of Flushing, Long Island, and for the same time an elder in the Reformed Church in New York City, and also a member of the Classis of New York.

Mr. Reed married, first, Eliza A. Wright, of Flushing, Long Island, second, Lizzie Lowerre, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He has four children, three sons and one daughter.

**H**ENRY SPEER, of Upper Montclair, Essex County, is a man prominent and successful in business life, and a representative and useful citizen of that portion of New Jersey, having served the public in various positions of trust. A life-long resident of Upper Montclair, Mr. Speer is, moreover, descended from a family which for several generations has been resident in that community, both his father and his grandfather having been born there.

He was born on the 4th of March, 1841, son of Reynier and Charity (Mandeville) Speer, and grandson of John R. Speer. All his ancestors were substantial farmers, and the Speer family, as one of the old families of New Jersey, has at all times enjoyed the highest repute for respectability and good citizenship.

Mr. Speer has led a life of active enterprise as a

carpenter and builder, occupying in both his business and private relations an honorable position in his community. He has held the public offices of member of the Town Council of Montclair, and assistant superintendent of roads and sewers of Montclair. He is one of the influential members of the Republican party, and throughout his life has been a cordial supporter of that organization.

He was married, in 1866, to Maria A. Durland. They have had four children: Florence, Maria, Harry, and Imogene.

**S**AMUEL C. VAN BLARCOM, merchant, of Paterson, was born at Goffle Hill (now the Borough of Hawthorne), Manchester Township, Passaic County, N. J., April 2, 1854, son of John A. and Elizabeth (Bookstaver) Van Blarcom.

Mr. Van Blarcom's father, John A. Van Blarcom (son of Albert and Eva Van Blarcom), was born July 20, 1816. He is still living (1904), his home being at Saddle River, N. J. Although much of his life has been devoted to farming, he has been engaged in various business pursuits in New York City and New Jersey, including the fish trade, the commission business, and wholesale and retail butchering. To John A. Van Blarcom and his wife six children were born: Albert (deceased, married Helena Ackerman); Charles H. (married Margaret L. Terhune);

Mary C. (wife of James Tracey, residing in Hackensack, N. J.) ; John O. (married Kate Reid) ; Samuel C., the subject of this sketch, and Alanson F. (deceased, married Margaretta Coe).

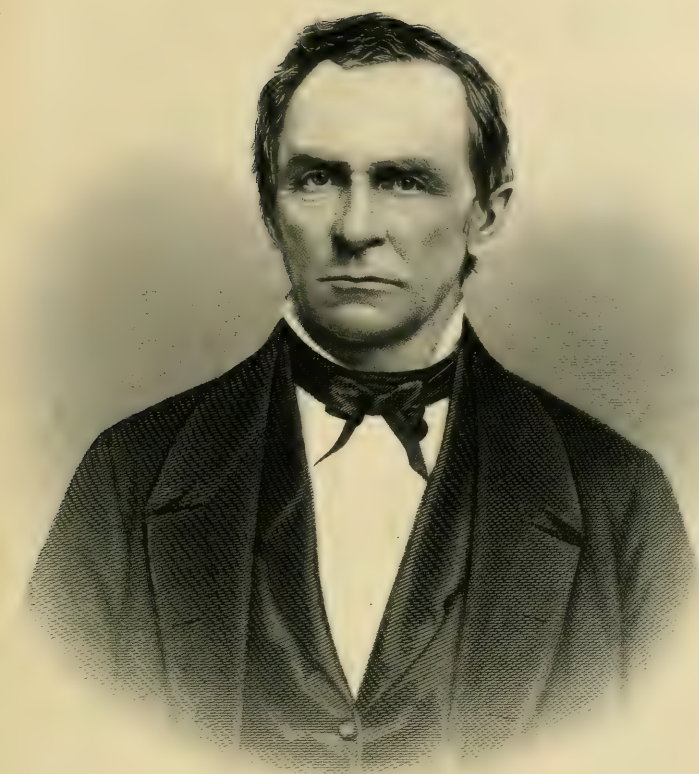
Samuel C. Van Blarcom received a public school education at his native place. At the age of eighteen he entered the business establishment of his father in Paterson, continuing there until the latter's retirement from active life. For the past twenty-nine years he has been transacting a wholesale commission trade in Paterson, with a substantial degree of prosperity. He is one of the leading men of Paterson in his department of business.

In 1894 Mr. Van Blarcom purchased twenty-four acres of land at Midland Park, where he now resides. He is a member of the Borough Council of Midland Park, and in all respects a progressive and useful citizen.

He was married at Paterson, October 18, 1875, to Maggie Vreeland.

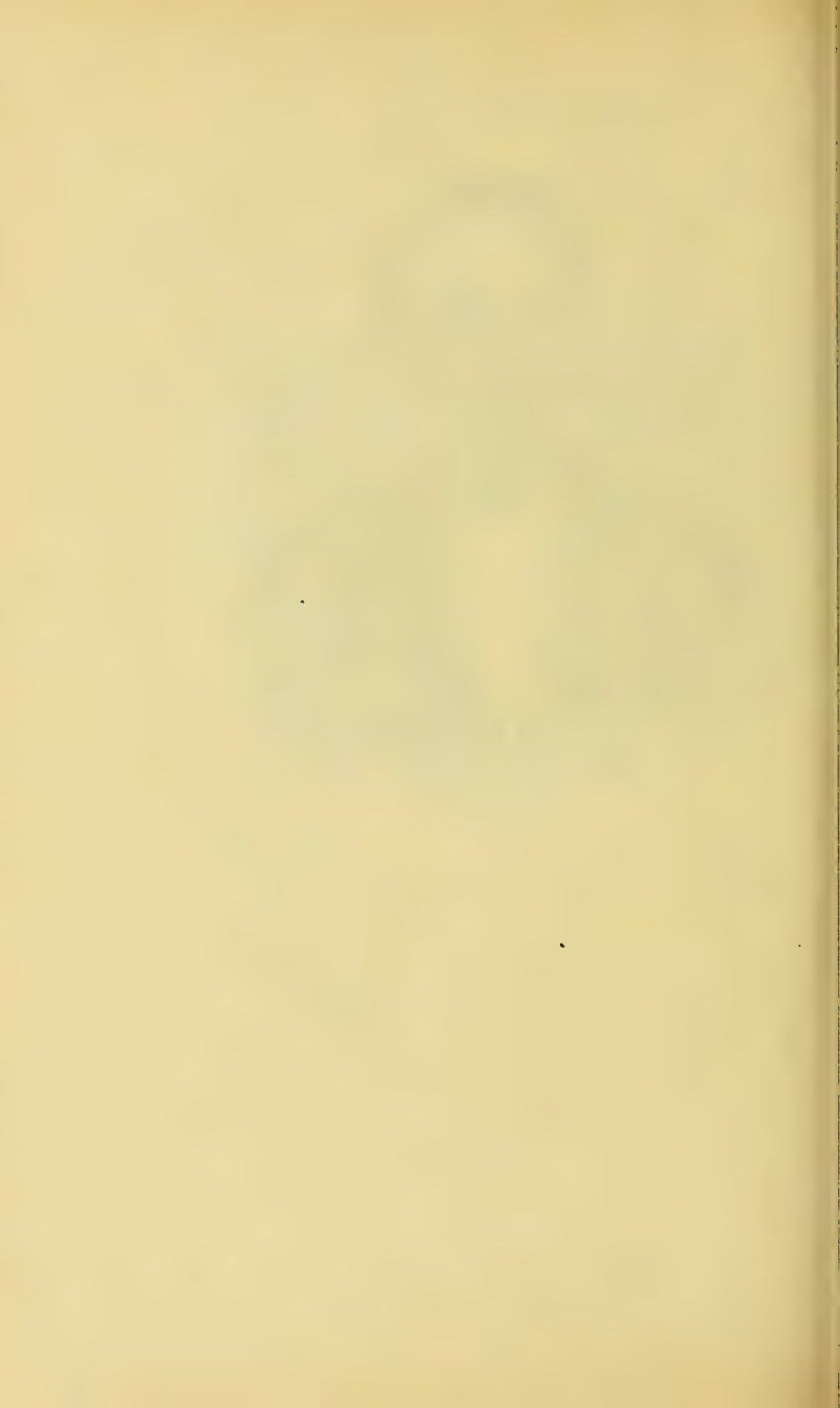
**T**HE FAIRCHILD FAMILY.—Since the year 1735 the name of Fairchild has been inseparably interwoven with the history of Morris County. The ancestry is English, and less than two decades had passed from the time the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth Rock when Thomas Fairchild, a native of England, crossed the Atlantic to the





*Stephen Fairchild*





colony of Connecticut, taking up his residence in Stratford. This was in 1639, and his descendants now number about six thousand.

Caleb Fairchild, the direct ancestor of the branch of the Fairchild Family living in Morris County, located in Whippany, N. J., in 1735, and died on the 1st day of May, 1777, at the age of eighty-four years. He and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown as early as 1742. In his will he mentioned his wife Annie and seven children, appointing two of his sons as executors. He left ten pounds sterling to each of his children, and after the death of his widow his executors were to receive all real estate and personal property.

Matthew Fairchild, the eldest son of Caleb Fairchild, was born in 1720, and died June 5, 1790, at the age of sixty-nine years. He had ten children, all baptized in the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, and the seventh of the family was Jonathan Fairchild, who was born November 3, 1751, and baptized December 10, 1752. He died August 5, 1813, at the age of sixty-three years. On the 8th of September, 1733, he married Sarah Howell, and they became the parents of seven children.

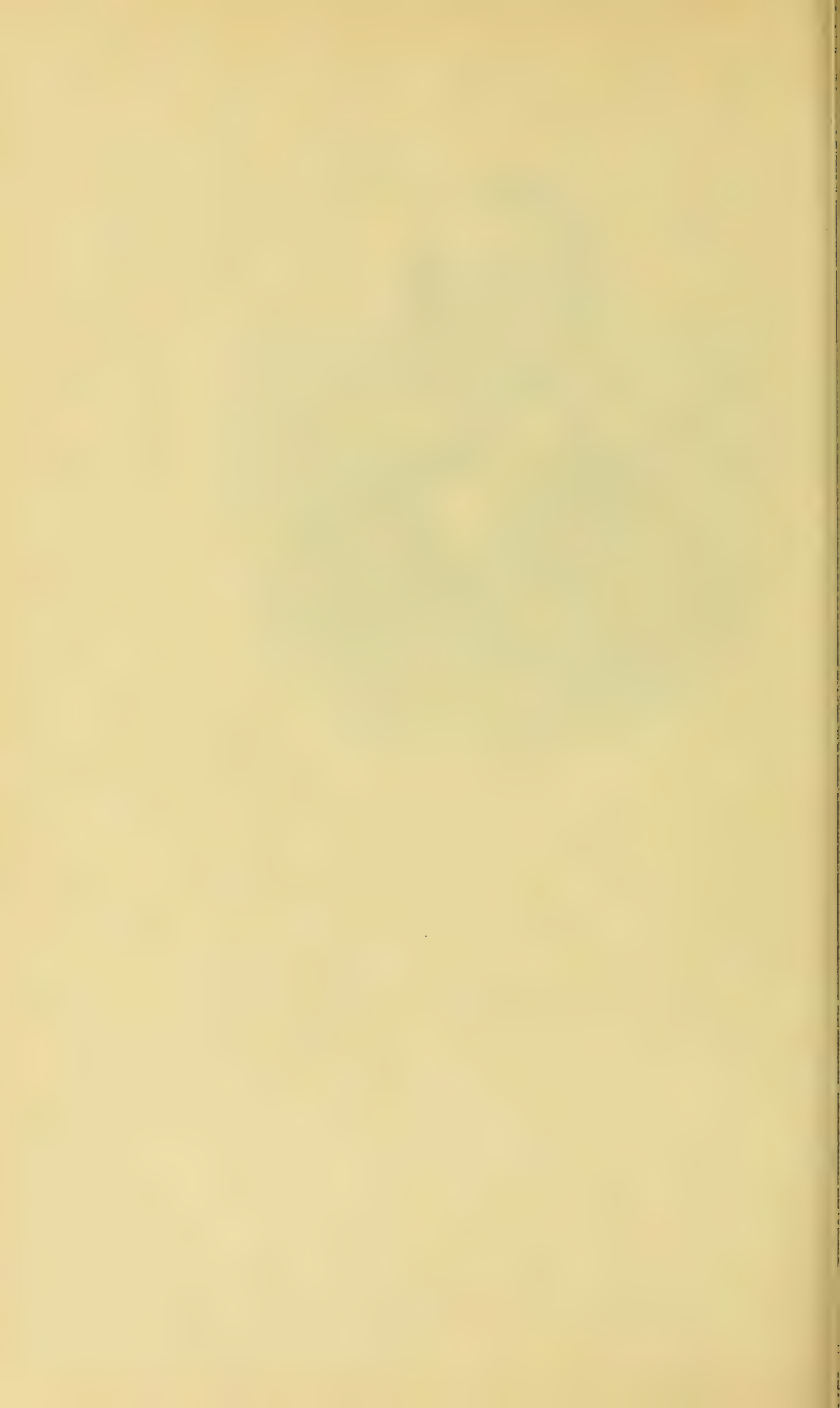
Dr. Stephen Fairchild, their youngest son, was born in Littleton, Morris County, N. J., October 28, 1792. He was a man of strong mentality, possessed a very studious nature, and after acquiring a common school education prepared himself for the practice of medicine. He pursued his studies under the direc-

tion of Drs. Ebenezer and Charles E. Pierson of Morristown, and also attended medical lectures in Philadelphia. For a year he engaged in practice in New York, and then, upon the urgent solicitation of many friends, removed to Parsippany, N. J., in 1816, as the successor of Dr. Hartwell, who had recently been removed by death. For fifty-six years he was successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen calling, and his pronounced skill and ability made him the leader of his profession. Yet he was not only an eminent physician, but was also an earnest and devout Christian. To his patients he brought not only healing remedies for the body, but also the consolations of the gospel for the healing of the spirit. Few physicians have ever been more loved or honored than Dr. Stephen Fairchild. Death came to him after a long illness, marked by the greatest suffering, but he bore it all with Christian fortitude, and his faith never faltered. He died, surrounded by his family, July 13, 1872, and was laid to rest in the cemetery of Parsippany.

Dr. Stephen Fairchild enjoyed an ideal home life. He was married on the 18th of May, 1818, to Miss Euphemia M. Brinckerhoff, born in Mount Hope, N. J., in September, 1796, daughter of George D. and Euphemia (Ashfield) Brinckerhoff. Retiring from business, her father purchased a home in Parsippany, N. J., to which he removed his family in 1797, the residence having been a noted tavern in Revolutionary times. It became the birthplace of the chil-



*R. T. W. Haichee*



dren of Dr. Stephen and Euphemia Fairchild, and was destroyed by fire in November 1874, but in the spring of 1875 it was rebuilt by Mrs. R. V. W. Fairchild on the old site, and continued to be the home of Mrs. Euphemia Fairchild through her last years. She passed away June 25, 1882. She was a lady of the old school, amiable, educated, refined, and a sincere Christian.

The children of Dr. Stephen Fairchild and wife were Richard Van Wyck, born February 22, 1819, and Eliza S., born October 19, 1820, but the latter died in infancy. The only son followed in his father's footsteps, and the two were associated in business for a number of years, a most ideal relation existing between them. The son was prepared for college in the classical school conducted by Ezra Fairchild in Mendham, N. J., and in 1837 entered the junior class at Princeton College, where he was graduated in 1839. He studied medicine under the professional guidance of his father, and subsequently under that of Dr. McClellan of Philadelphia and Dr. Mott of New York. He entered upon practice with his father in 1843, and attained eminence in professional circles, for his knowledge was comprehensive and accurate, and he possessed exceptional skill in the diagnosis of cases and the administration of proper remedies.

Dr. Richard Van Wyck Fairchild was twice married. In November, 1852, Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Howell of Troy, N. Y., became his wife, but after a few years they were separated by the hand

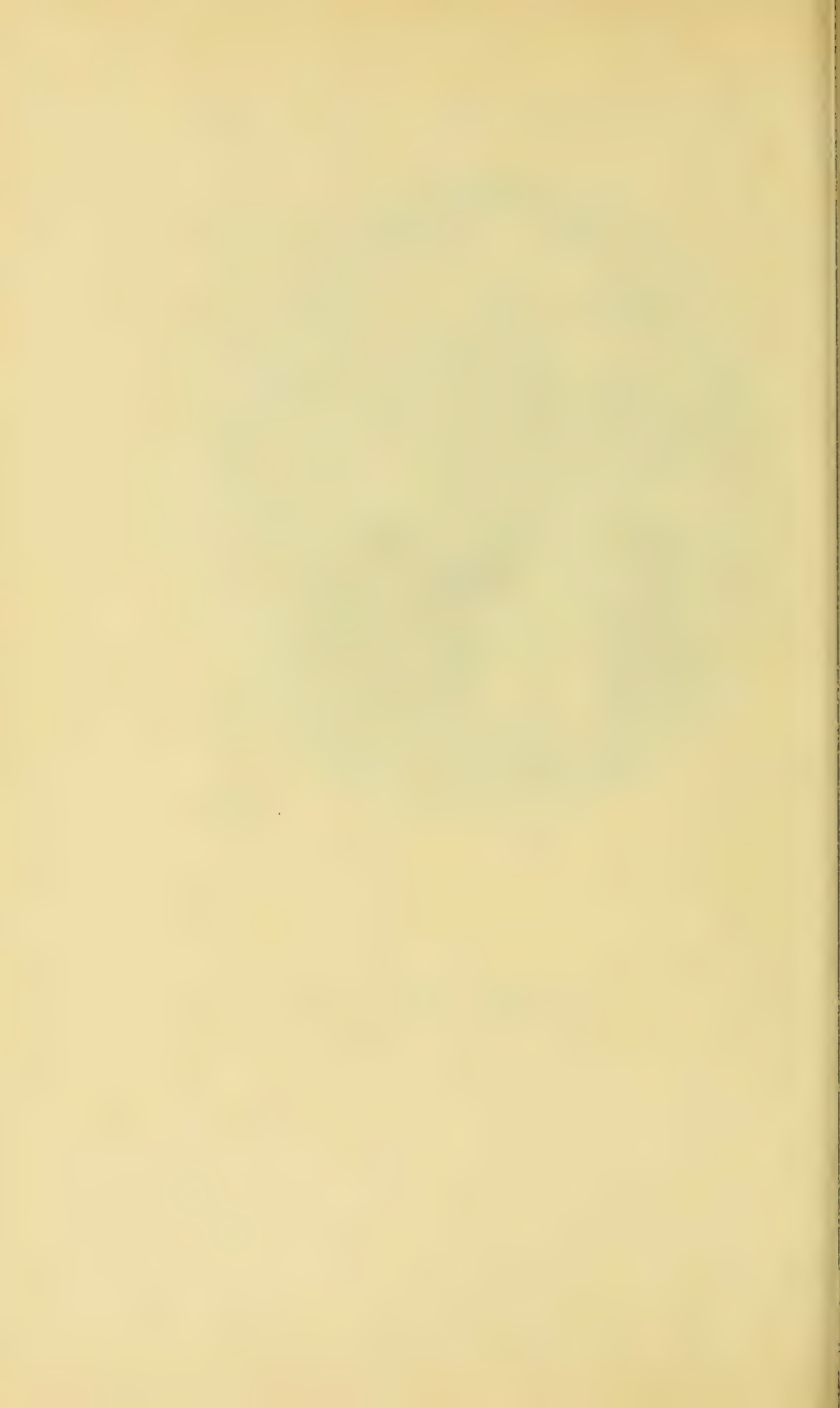


of death, Mrs. Fairchild passing away January 16, 1862. On the 13th of June, 1866, the doctor was again married, his second union being with Ruth E. Tichenor, daughter of James H. and Lydia T. (Nuttman) Tichenor, of Newark, N. J. He died very suddenly, February 24, 1874, and was laid to rest by the side of his maternal grandparents and his father in the burial ground at Parsippany. He survived his father scarcely two years, and thus they who were united in such close ties of love and interest in life were not long separated in death.

Many admirable qualities endeared Dr. Fairchild to those who came in contact with him. As a friend he was kind and generous. At Princeton he was recognized as the college wit, and this strong vein of humor, combined with his power of imitation and representation, together with his wide and varied information, made him a most agreeable companion and entertaining gentleman. He was an able writer. His nature was not without its poetic side, nor did he lack in musical culture. He was fond of all the arts and interests that elevate humanity, and his memory is revered throughout Morris County.



*E. M. Fairchild*



**F**RANK LEONARD RUSBY, of Nutley, son of Leonard Rusby (deceased) and Sarah Meade (Hinkle) Rusby, was born in what is now the Town of Nutley (then the Township of Franklin), July 10, 1875. He was reared and educated at his native place, where he has always resided.

Mr. Rusby is a popular young citizen, and at present is serving as town clerk of Nutley. He is connected with the American Surety Company of New York.

**J**UDSON S. VAN NESS, a substantial farmer and influential citizen, who has long been prominent in the public affairs of his community, was born on the farm where he now resides, December 20, 1861, son of William I. and Maria (Stager) Van Ness. His ancestors, as his name indicates, originally came from Holland. Both his father, William I. Van Ness, and his grandfather, Isaac Van Ness, lived at Caldwell. His father, who died in 1872, was a leading member and officer of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Van Ness was educated in the schools of his neighborhood, and, inheriting a predilection for agricultural pursuits, continued on the home farm, which he has conducted with success. Enjoying the peculiar confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens, he has been called to various responsible official positions,

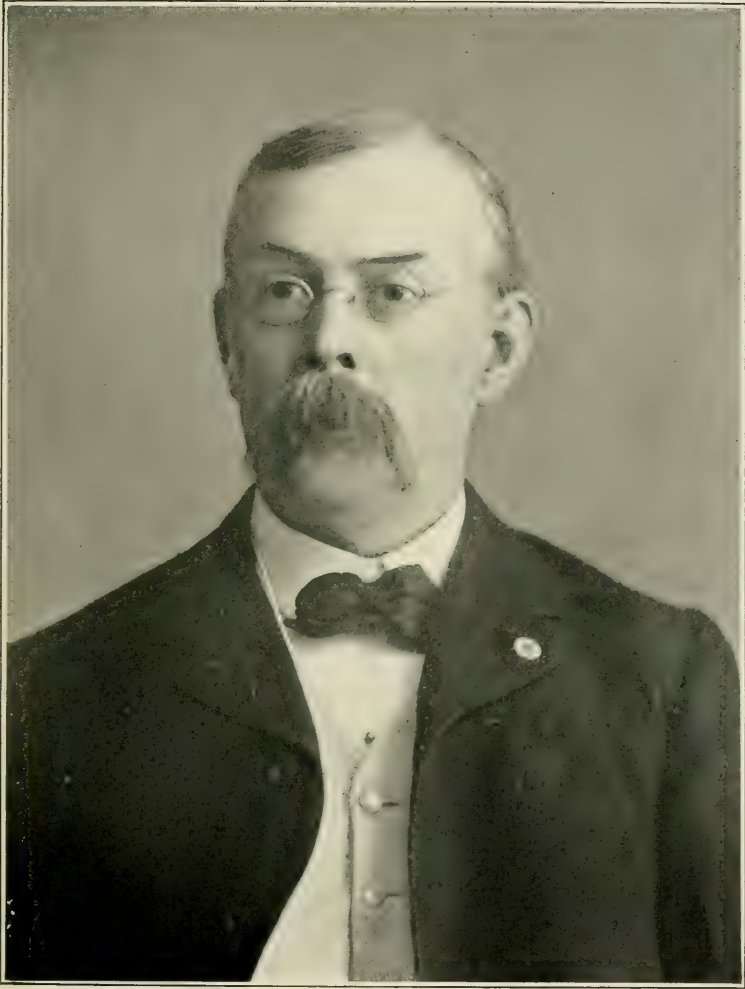
having served as town committeeman, member of the School Board, and member of the Board of Freeholders.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Ness are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Van Ness has served as superintendent of the Sunday School. The children born of this union are Celina, Alice Lowell, Earl, William, and Ethel.

**J**OHN J. SPRICH, of North Paterson, postmaster of that community and a successful merchant, was born in Gelderkinden, Switzerland, November 16, 1856, son of Fred R. and Annie Sprich. He received an excellent general education in his native country, also learning the silk manufacturing industry, at which he was employed for several years.

At the age of twenty Mr. Sprich came to the United States, arriving in New York on the 31st of December, 1876. During the next ten years he was employed in silk mills in Paterson, N. J. He then removed to Middletown, N. Y., where for four years he was engaged in silk manufacture on his own account. Disposing of his interest in Middletown he returned to Paterson in 1890. Since 1892 he has been a resident and prominent business man of North Paterson, also holding, throughout that time, the position of postmaster.

He was married in the Elm Street Church, Pater-



GEORGE M. WOOD





son, N. J., September 18, 1880, to Miss Louisa Koch (who was born in Basle, Switzerland, May 24, 1862). The following children have been born of this union: Louisa (deceased), Lena, Grover J., Elizabeth M., William, Emma R., Lillie Teresa, and Daisy (deceased).

**G**EORGE MERVIN WOOD, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Paterson, N. J., September 17, 1848, son of James and Abby Wood. His father, a master mechanic, now retired, was born in Putnam County, N. Y., and his mother was a native of Oldham, England.

He was educated in public and private schools in Paterson, learned the drug business, and held various positions in this connection. Since 1886 he has been established as a pharmacist in Bloomfield. He is a representative citizen of that community, and has served the public as town councilman, having been elected on the Republican ticket from the First Ward, First District.

Mr. Wood was married in Paterson, N. J., to Emma F. Osborn of Tallman's, Rockland County, N. Y. Children: James Herbert and Amy T.

**C**HARLES S. SIMONSON, merchant, and postmaster of Verona, Essex County, was born in that place, September 7, 1847, son of Isaac and Ann (Sanford) Simonson.

The Simonson Family is of Hollandish origin, though resident in this country for several generations. His great-grandfather, Barney Simonson, was a soldier of the War of 1812, and for the greater part of his life resided in Verona. Mr. Charles S. Simonson's grandparents were John Simonson (also of Verona) and Fanny (Lines) Simonson, the latter being descended from an old New Jersey family.

The family of the parents of Mr. Simonson consisted of three children: John H. (deceased), Sarah (deceased), and Charles S.

Charles S. Simonson received a public school education. The earlier part of his life was devoted to agricultural occupations, which he left to engage in mercantile business in Verona. The interests thus established he has prosecuted very successfully, and he is in all respects one of the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

He has occupied the position of postmaster of Verona for the past eighteen years. He is one of the leading Republicans of his community and has served as a member of the Township Executive Committee. He was one of the originators and is now vice-president of the Verona Building and Loan Association, and is

a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Simonson was married, January 12, 1881, at Caldwell, N. J., to Emma J. Winans, daughter of Henry D. Winans, M. D. Two sons have been born of this union, Henry Rae, born October 1, 1881, and Charles Russell, born December 25, 1883.

**L**EVI CLAWSON WILSON, D. D. S., of Flemington, Hunterdon County, was born in Hackettstown, Warren County, N. J., October 18, 1854, son of Charles and Sarah Wilson. He received a public school education, later taking up the study of dentistry, in which he engaged as a profession at Flemington in December, 1871. He has since been successfully pursuing his profession at that place. He received his degree of D. D. S. upon examination before the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry, July 10, 1890. Both in his professional and social relations Dr. Wilson is one of the most respected citizens of Flemington. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He was married, first, to Miss Lizzie B. Holcombe, and second, to Miss Lucy E. Huff, both of Flemington, and has one child, Bessie Fisher Wilson.

**G**EORGE O. SMITH, a prominent and enterprising citizen of Cedar Grove, Essex County, was born in West Orange, N. J., August 26, 1844. His parents were George and Jane Smith, whose family consisted of five children, Martha, George O., Sarah, William, and Harriet.

Mr. Smith was brought up and attended school at his native place. In 1864 he enlisted in the navy on the ship Nippon, and he continued in the service of the United States until 1866, when he received his honorable discharge.

He is engaged in business at Cedar Grove, conducting "Smith's Express", and is also well known as a handler of blooded race horses. As a citizen he is one of the men of force and influence in his community. He has frequently been urged to accept official position, but has always declined. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

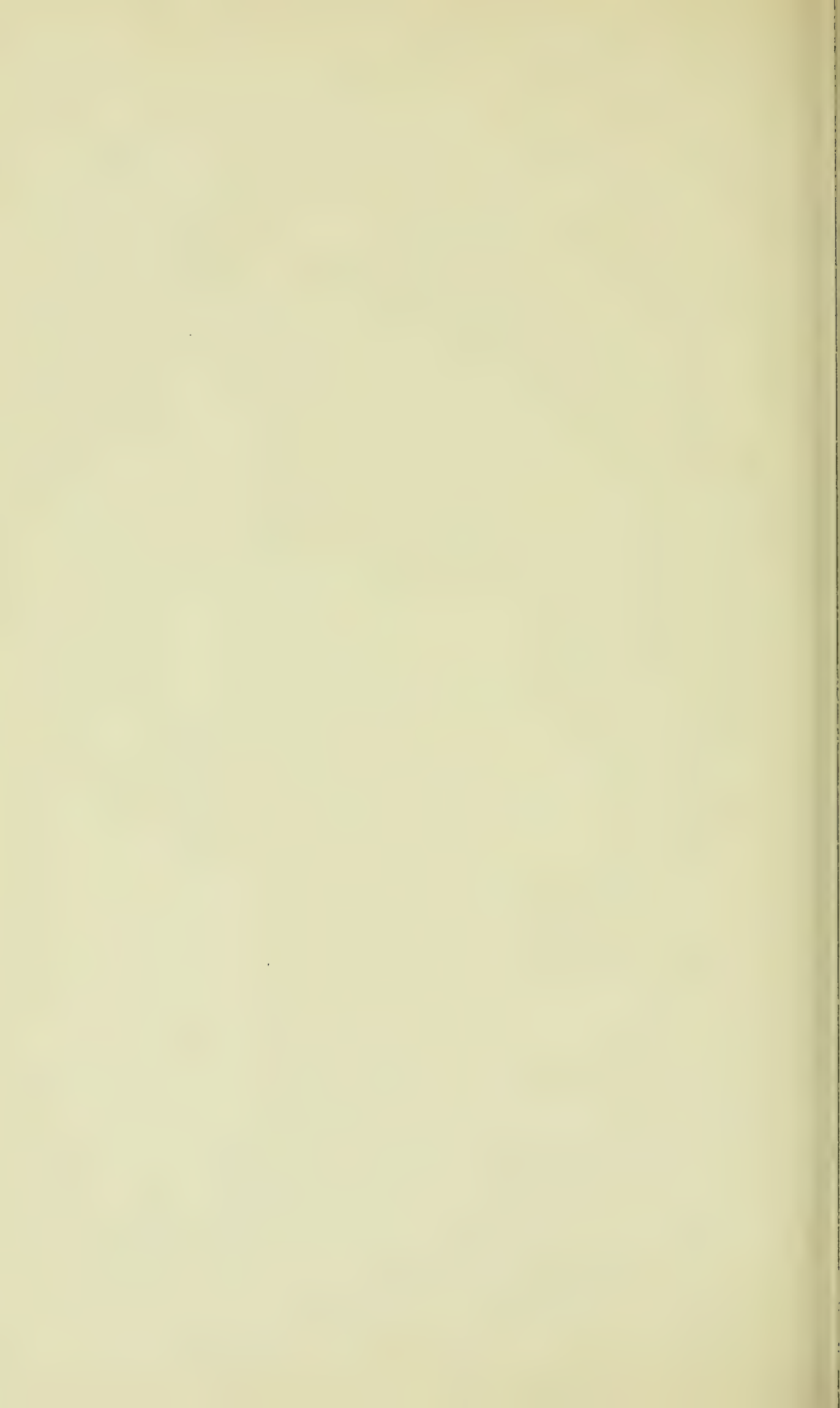
Mr. Smith married Susan E. Crofut, daughter of Russell and Ann Crofut. Children: Harry R., Charles W., and Wallace J.

CHARLES WILLIS SMITH, son of the preceding, was born on the 20th of February, 1870, in Orange, N. J., where he received his education. In 1894 he removed with his parents to Cedar Grove. He is a representative citizen of the younger generation, taking an active part in local affairs, and is a leading man of the Republican party in his community, serving at



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present as member of the Township Executive Committee. He is foreman of the F. J. Marley Crushing Works at Verona, N. J.

Mr. Smith married, November 8, 1894, Elizabeth C., daughter of Louis W. and Elizabeth Miller, of Washington, N. J.

**H**ENRY E. WALTER, of Bernardsville, a representative and popular citizen of that community, was born of French parents, August 28, 1869, in Alsace Lorraine, then a part of France, but now incorporated in the German Empire.

He received his education in Geneva, Switzerland, and subsequently was for some years engaged in various employments and enterprising pursuits in Italy. After serving as a banking and stock exchange clerk in Rome, he went to Naples, where he was identified with the business of railroad construction. Returning to Rome, he embarked in the woolen trade on his own account, and for several years continued in this business.

In 1892 Mr. Walter came to the United States, and, locating in New York City, acquired a familiarity with the hotel business, also for a time being interested in the sale of woolens. Subsequently he resided in Perth Amboy, N. J., and in 1898 established himself in Bernardsville, where he has con-

tinued to the present time. In that community he has been successfully engaged in real estate transactions, farming, and hotel management, having succeeded to the proprietorship of the hotel formerly conducted by Robert Van Dorn. This property, under Mr. Walter's intelligent and enterprising direction, has become greatly improved, and to-day ranks with the best establishments in New Jersey for the accommodation of the public.

Mr. Walter is a typical self-made man, having acquired his present substantial position in life entirely by his own exertions. Although comparatively young in years he is a man of extensive information and accomplishment, having travelled all over the world, and speaking four languages fluently. As a citizen he is an active and useful promoter of all the progressive interests of the beautiful community in which he resides.

He is a member of Mariner's Lodge No. 67, of New York City, F. and A. M.

**W**ILLIAM H. MARTIN, of Frenchtown, president of the Union National Bank of that place, and ex-State senator and member of the Assembly, was born near Little York, Hunterdon County, N. J., June 14, 1846.

Since 1875 Mr. Martin has been engaged in business, financial, and corporate interests in Frenchtown,

with a record of marked success and a personal reputation of the highest order. In January, 1887, he was elected a director of the Alexandria Bridge Company, and in the following year its president. He was elected president of the Union National Bank of Frenchtown on the 17th of November, 1887. He still continues in both of these responsible capacities.

Mr. Martin first began to take an active part in political affairs in 1873, when he was elected to the office of tax collector. He was re-elected in 1874. Subsequently, for four successive years (beginning with 1877), he served as a member of the Common Council. He was elected mayor of Frenchtown in 1881, and re-elected the next year.

Mr. Martin's first election to the Assembly occurred in 1888, and he was twice sent back to that body, each time by an increased majority. In 1891, after an exciting campaign, he was elected a member of the New Jersey Senate. During his term of service he took a leading part in the deliberations of the Senate, and held prominent committee chairmanships and positions. In 1893 he was chairman of the committees on Riparian Rights and State Prison. Senator Martin has always been a staunch Democrat in his political affiliations.

He married Lizzie Mettler, daughter of Levi Mettler, of Kingwood, and has one child, Ella J., wife of Rev. W. A. Long, D. D., of Newton, N. C.

**Z**EBULON GORDON WOOD, of Bloomfield, was born in Boston, Mass., February 4, 1857, son of William A. and Harriet Elizabeth (Townsend) Wood, of English and Scottish descent.

In the maternal line he is descended from a family which was settled in Flushing, Long Island, as early as 1642. During the War of the Revolution his ancestors, in common with many of the principal families of that part of the country, were Loyalists. Through his father Mr. Wood is a direct descendant of Alexander Hamilton. On his mother's side also he comes from notable ancestry. His mother's sister was the first child born in Sheldon, Nova Scotia. William A. Wood, the father of Zebulon G. Wood was engaged in early life in the ship-carpentering business, subsequently embarking in general building enterprises, which he conducted on an extensive scale and with marked success.

Mr. Wood received his education in the public schools of Boston and the Boston Institute of Technology, being graduated from that institution in the class of 1878. Engaging in professional work as a mechanical engineer, he became the first master mechanic of the Nantasket Beach Railroad and Steamboat Company, now a branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

Mr. Wood now devotes his attention principally to promoting the development and interests of important cemetery enterprises, and in this work has been highly



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successful. He is president of the Saint James Cemetery Association and treasurer of the Ferncliffe Realty Company of Westchester County, N. Y., the latter corporation having established and developed the Ferncliffe Cemetery.

He is one of the most conspicuous members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in New Jersey, being the father of Bloomfield Lodge No. 788, of that order. He is also a prominent member of the Free and Accepted Order of Masons, with membership in the Palestine Commandery and the New York Consistory. During his residence in Massachusetts he enlisted as a private in the First Massachusetts Regiment, afterward becoming a line officer, and continued in the military service for twelve years. He is a member of the Newark City Board of Trade and the Bloomfield Board of Trade.

Mr. Wood married, February 4, 1892, Miss Augusta M. Shaefer of New York. They have three children, George W. Shaefer Wood, Monroe Gordon Wood, and Frederick Otto Wood.

**G**EORGE H. VAN DERHOOF is one of the most noteworthy men of Caldwell and that section of New Jersey. A soldier of the War of the Rebellion, grandson of a soldier of the War of 1812, and a descendant of Revolutionary patriots, both his personal and family records, considered in

the relations of public worth, are ones of eminent credit, meriting honorable recognition. His personal career has been marked in an unusual degree by resourceful and vigorous qualities, and has been rewarded with abundant success. In his character as a man and citizen he enjoys the highest respect, and he has exercised a useful influence.

Mr. Van Derhoof is descended from forefathers who belonged to that sturdy Dutch race which first settled this portion of the country. In the Revolution his ancestors were supporters of the cause of independence, and some of them fought in the patriot ranks.

Garrett Van Derhoof, grandfather of George H. Van Derhoof, was a farmer at Fairfield, Caldwell Township, served in the War of 1812, and married Mary Masker.

Abraham Van Derhoof, son of Garrett and father of George H. Van Derhoof, was born November 8, 1815. He married Ann Welshman, their children being George H., William M., Edward J., Addie J. (wife of Benjamin Kent), Emma T. (wife of Leonard Medler), and Celia S. (wife of David Campbell of Newark).

On his mother's side Mr. Van Derhoof comes from Irish ancestry. His maternal grandmother, Edward Welshman, was born in County Down, Ireland, came to the United States in 1802, and acquired a large landed property in Rockland County, N. Y. He married Jane Kemp of that county.

George H. Van Derhoof was educated in the schools of Caldwell. He learned the carpenter's trade in Newark, N. J., a business in which he was engaged until his enlistment in the army. This occurred in 1862, when he joined the Second Regiment from the District of Columbia, which was the first regiment to be sent to the front from the national capitol. He continued in active service for three years, participating in some of the principal battles and movements of the war, including the Second Bull Run, Antietam, and the Shenandoah campaign against General Early. A younger brother of Mr. Van Derhoof's, William M. Van Derhoof, was also an enlisted soldier in the Civil War, being a member of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers. In a charge at Chancellorsville he received a gunshot wound in the right knee, and being thus disabled was taken prisoner. His leg was amputated, and he was finally exchanged and sent home. He is now living in Seneca Falls, N. Y.

After returning from the army Mr. Van Derhoof resumed his activities in connection with the carpentering and building trades, eventually engaging in the contracting business, to which he devoted his energies for a quarter of a century. As a specialty he gave much of his attention to stair building, enjoying an extensive patronage. Most of his business career was passed in Newark, but upon his retirement from active life, in the summer of 1897, he returned to Caldwell, his boyhood home, where he has since resided.

Here, unwilling to be wholly idle, he has to some extent continued his building operations, having erected a number of houses in Caldwell and that vicinity.

He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Masonic order.

He married Emma T. Cole, daughter of William Cole of Pine Brook, N. J. She died in 1878, leaving one child, Daisy B. In 1888 Mr. Van Derhoof married Miss Jessie Davey, daughter of Edward Davey of Nova Scotia, by whom he has two children, George H. and Stella M.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY BEARDSLEY, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in Perth Amboy, N. J., March 11, 1859, son of William Thompson and Charity (Simmons) Beardsley, being the youngest of nine children. His father was a farmer, subsequently engaging in the contracting business.

The son received a public school education, and in early life was employed in the hat finishing industry. Owing to ill health he gave up this work, and established himself on a farm, devoting special attention to the dairying business. He has since prosecuted this interest with success, and is one of the substantial men of his portion of New Jersey.

He is a member of Henry Clay Lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias.

He was married, at Newark, N. J., July 6, 1881, to Miss Emily Place. Their children are Emily Iona, Viola May, William John, Raymond Thompson, and Gladdys Flo.

**A**RTHUR MACDONALD HAM-  
BLEN, of Flemington, Hunterdon  
County, was born in New York City,  
July 30, 1840, son of Arthur and Bet-  
sey (Pettigrew) Hamblen. Mr.  
Hamblen came of noble descent, his father having  
been the eldest son of a Scottish lord, who, however,  
for some unexplained and mysterious reason, lost his  
title. Deprived of both his parents soon after his  
birth, their heir eventually came to America, and in  
this country the family has made an honorable record  
and enjoys excellent standing.

Mr. Hamblen was for many years a successful bus-  
iness man in New York City. Retiring from active  
life he established his residence, "Broadhurst," at  
Flemington.

He married Miss Eliza Tovey. Children, Mor-  
timer, Isabelle, William, Grace (a graduate of Vas-  
sar College), and Albert (a graduate of Princeton).



**J**OHN WARD, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in that village on the 7th of June, 1859, his parents being Peter and Mary (McCune) Ward. Mr. Ward's father came to this country from Ireland in early life, and was a farmer.

The son was educated in the public schools of Bloomfield. Learning the paper-making trade, he obtained employment at that occupation, which he has pursued throughout his life. He is superintendent of the Diamond Mill Paper Company, a considerable concern engaged in the manufacture of tissue paper, with works on Silver Spring Creek.

Mr. Ward is a member of the Brotherhood of the Union, a beneficial society organization.

He married Anna Walsh, daughter of William Walsh. Children: William, Bessie, Helen, and Elmer.

**J**OHN FRANKLIN CLARKE, of Nutley, Essex County, was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, September 2, 1861, son of John Wingate and Martha Ellen (Philbrook) Clarke.

He received his early education in the public schools of Washington, D. C., and Manchester, N. H., subsequently attending Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in the class of 1885.

Mr. Clarke is well known as the general agent in Newark, and resident secretary, for the American



JOHN F. CLARK.



Surety Company of New York. He has enjoyed a successful business career.

Active in the public affairs of the community where he resides, Mr. Clarke has long occupied a prominent position there as a citizen. He has served as president of the Board of Education of Nutley, and is now a member of the Board of Freeholders of Essex County, having been elected to that office two successive times.

He is chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Nutley, and has been a member of the Essex County Republican Committee for the past twelve years. He is also a member of the Volunteer Firemen of Nutley.

He was married, April 21, 1886, to Lucinda Mary Clement, and has two children, John Franklin Clarke, Jr., and Harriette Clement Clarke.

**W**ILFRED FOLLANSBEE HARRISON, veterinary surgeon, of Bloomfield, Essex County, was born in New Brunswick, N. J., April 8, 1862, son of Caleb M. and Elizabeth (Follansbee) Harrison. He is grandson of Caleb H. Harrison, great-grandson of Jabez H. Harrison, and great-great-grandson of David H. Harrison, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Dr. Harrison's paternal grandmother

was Phoebe Steele, daughter of Josiah Steele, who was a cousin of Noah Webster, the lexicographer.

Both his parents were graduates of the New Jersey State Normal School, and became teachers in the schools of New Jersey. His father served as state superintendent of New Jersey schools from 1862 to 1864; was principal of the Newark Academy from 1864 to 1870; from 1870 to 1880 was engaged in mercantile business, also following agricultural pursuits at Caldwell, N. J., and from 1880 to 1900 was superintendent of the Newark City Home at Verona, N. J. He died in 1904. His wife also devoted many years of faithful service to teaching. During the twenty years that her husband was in charge of the Newark City Home, she acted as matron of that institution.

Wilfred Follansbee Harrison received his early education in the public schools of Caldwell, subsequently remaining until his eighteenth year on his father's farm. From October, 1880, until June, 1883, he was a student at the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton. He then entered the Newark City Home at Verona, continuing there as a teacher until October, 1885.

Deciding to qualify himself for the veterinary profession, he pursued studies to that end in the American Veterinary College, a department of New York University, where he was graduated, being valedictorian of his class, March 4, 1887, with the degree of D. V. S. In May, 1887, he established himself

in professional practice at Norfolk, Va., later removing to Richmond, Va. Although successful in both these cities, the climate proved unfavorable to his health, and he returned North, opening an office in Bloomfield, N. J., on the 1st of May, 1890. He has since continued to reside in that community, prosecuting a very successful professional practice and enjoying a reputation as one of the foremost veterinaries of the State. Much of his work is among the large dairy farms of Essex and adjoining counties. Since January 22, 1901, he has held the position of sanitary inspector of the New Jersey State Board of Health.

Dr. Harrison is a prominent citizen of Bloomfield, taking an active interest in all the concerns of that community. Since the 1st of May, 1901, he has been a member of the Bloomfield Town Council from the Second Ward, and is now serving his second term. He is a member of the Essex Truck Company (Bloomfield Fire Department), in which he holds the office of trustee. He is an active and influential Democrat, a member of the Essex County Democratic Committee, and leader of the party in his home ward. He has occupied the position of president of the Brookfield Fish and Game Association since its incorporation in 1898. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, of the North End Whist Club of Bloomfield, of the American Veterinary Association, and of the Veterinary Medical Association of New Jersey.



Dr. Harrison has from time to time contributed articles to the press on various professional topics.

He was married, March 6, 1888, to Augusta W. Grosch, and has four children, Irma M., Elizabeth F., Virginia A., and Caleb M.

**G**EORGE H. VANDERHOOF, merchant, of Caldwell, Essex County, was born at that place, August 25, 1855. He is a grandson of Richard Vanderhoof, a mason by trade, who, however, was for most of his life engaged in farming at Fairfield, Caldwell Township, where he died April 4, 1853, aged seventy-two. He was an enlisted soldier in the War of 1812. His wife was Margaret Speer; she was a member of the Reformed Church of Fairfield; died on the 19th of October, 1856, at the age of sixty-nine.

The parents of George H. Vanderhoof were William R. Vanderhoof and Sarah (De Camp) Vanderhoof, daughter of John De Camp of Caldwell. William R. Vanderhoof (born August 30, 1825) was in early life a farmer in Caldwell Township, subsequently following the mason's trade in Newark, where he died. His family consisted of four children, Mary L. (wife of Jacob Smith), George H. (subject of our sketch), Benjamin, and Elmer D.

George H. Vanderhoof in early manhood established himself in mercantile business in Caldwell, and



R. W. BOOTH



is one of the successful men of affairs in that community. Both in his business and private relations he has always enjoyed the highest personal standing among his fellow citizens. He is a member of Caldwell Lodge, F. and A. M.

April 8, 1880, he was married to Carrie Burnet, adopted daughter of Ransford Burnet of Newark, N. J. She died December 14, 1903, leaving one child, Della Catherine Vanderhoof, wife of Lewis M. Crane.

**R**ICHARD W. BOOTH, of Nutley, Essex County, N. J., was born in Franklin (now incorporated in the Town of Nutley), in that county and State, on August 13, 1859, and is the son of Enoch Booth and Mary M. Stager. His father was a hotel proprietor. On the paternal side he is of English descent, while his maternal ancestors came originally from Holland.

Mr. Booth was educated in the public schools of Nutley. He left school at the age of twelve, and worked in a factory until fourteen years old. He then became a clerk in the general store of John Rusby at Franklin, continuing as clerk and afterward proprietor.

He retired from mercantile business in 1900, having been made county collector of Essex County, in which capacity he has served until the present time.

He has always been a staunch and active Republican, although his ancestors were all Democrats. When but a little over twenty-one years of age—in 1881—he was elected clerk of Franklin Township, and served for three years. He served five years as a member of the Township Committee of Nutley, N. J., during three years of this period being its chairman. He resigned from this position to accept election as a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Essex County, in which capacity he continued until 1900, in that year being made county collector of Essex County. He has also served two terms of three years each as a member of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, and is now serving his third term. He is a member of the Essex County Republican Committee, and is a Mason, being a member of Nutley Lodge No. 167.

He married, April 2, 1885, Elizabeth R. Rusby, of Nutley.

**W**ILLIAM BELLIS PRALL, of Reaville, Hunterdon County, one of the most prominent citizens of that portion of New Jersey, was born April 10, 1834, his parents being Abraham and Hannah (Bellis) Prall.

The Prall or Praal Family in early colonial times was settled on Staten Island in the Province of New York, where Aaron (or Arent) Praal was an exten-

sive landholder. He was the ancestor of the Pralls of Hunterdon County. In 1684 he made application for a grant of one hundred and sixty acres on Staten Island, in addition to the one hundred and twenty acres which he had previously purchased from one Wendell. He served as assessor of Richmond County, N. Y. (Staten Island), in 1702. On the 25th of May, 1716, he bought seven hundred and fifty acres in Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, N. J., and much of the estate thus acquired has remained in the possession of his descendants to the present time.

Aaron's son, Abraham Prall, was the great-great-grandfather of Mr. William B. Prall. He left the homestead to his son by his first marriage, Peter. This Peter Prall, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, married Mary Quick, of Amwell, and had two children, Abraham and Catharine. He was succeeded in the property by his only son, Abraham Prall, who married Sarah, daughter of Jacob Fisher, and had the following children: Peter, Mary, Sarah, Ann, Catharine, Jacob, Eliza, Abraham, and John, all of whom, except the youngest, became the parents of families.

Abraham Prall, son of the preceding Abraham, was born December 29, 1811, and died September 6, 1843. He was an enterprising and successful farmer, and was highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens. He married Hannah Bellis, daughter of Matthias Bellis of Raritan Township, she also being descended from a family resident in Hunterdon County since the early part of the eighteenth century. She was born March



23, 1813, and died in 1883. Two sons were born to Abraham and Hannah Prall: William Bellis Prall and Abraham Prall.

After the death of the father of the family his widow managed the property until her eldest son, William B., became old enough to take it in charge. This occurred when he was eighteen years old, and the interests placed in his hands were administered with marked ability and success. Mr. Prall's entire career has been characterized by energetic qualities and capable management. His present handsome residence was erected in 1874.

He has served the public in the official position of commissioner and township committeeman. In his political relations he is a Republican. He is a member of the Reaville Presbyterian Church, in which for many years he has held the office of elder.

Mr. Prall was married, April 10, 1834, to Elizabeth Quick, of East Amwell Township. Children of this union: Abraham W. Prall, born September 11, 1855, married Mary E. Horn; Cornelia Prall, born July 14, 1857, died July 9, 1858; Annie C. Prall, born November 27, 1858, married Levi H. Quick; Hannah Prall, born March 23, 1866, married David C. Hill; and William B. Prall, Jr., born March 14, 1871, married Emma J. Johnson.

**W**ILLIAM H. DE VAUSNEY, of Nutley, is a native born citizen of that portion of New Jersey. The De Vausney Family was established in this country by Mr. De Vausney's great-grandfather, who left a considerable estate in France and emigrated to America about the time of our Revolutionary War.

Francis De Vausney, grandfather of Mr. William H. De Vausney, was born in Franklin Township, Essex County, N. J., and married Rachel Mills, their children being William, Celia, Mary, Marguerite, John, Richard, and Eliza.

John De Vausney, their second son, was married in 1834 to Eliza Brown, daughter of Samuel and Julia (Speer) Brown. Seven children were born of this union, as follows: Margaret, Julia E. (married John Rawcliffe), John Henry, Sarah (married Robert Rushmore), William H., Elizabeth (married John Reynolds), and Samuel.

William H. De Vausney in early life learned the carpentering business, subsequently engaging in contracting and building, in which departments of enterprise he has enjoyed a highly successful career.

He married Rachel, daughter of Henry and Ann (Vreeland) Cueman. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. De Vausney: Clarence, Edith, Clifford, and Millie.

Mr. De Vausney is an active Republican. He has

served the public (1891) in the capacity of township committeeman.

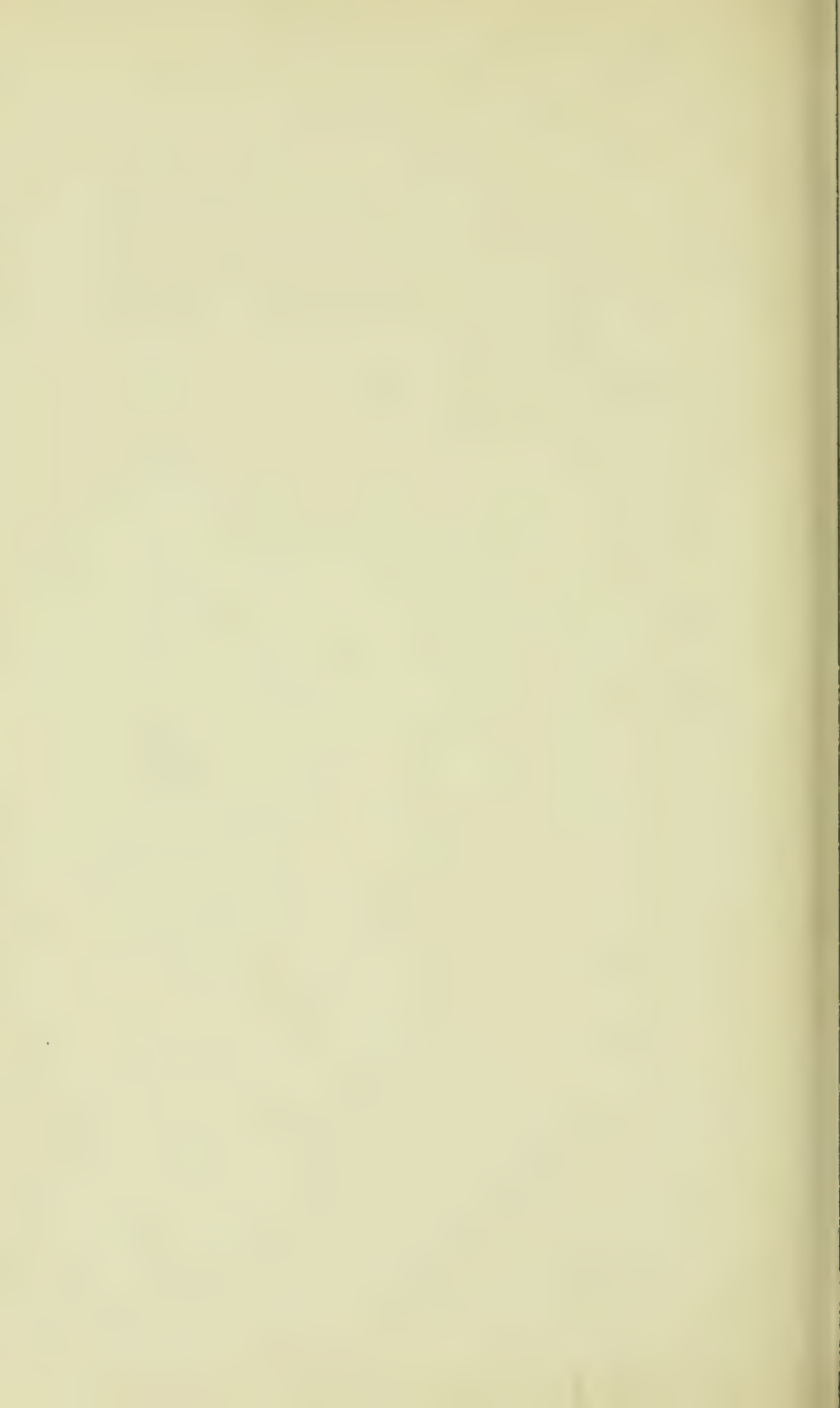
**L**ESTER ORSON VREELAND, of Bloomfield, was born in Franklin Township, Essex County, N. J., July 8, 1860, son of Thomas Orson and Martha (Brown) Vreeland. He is a successful carpenter and builder, occupying a position of prominence in his community, both as a business man and a citizen. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Vreeland was married, January 16, 1883, to Sarah Jane Vought, of Bloomfield. Their children are Lester W., Herbert C., and Ethel M.

**W**ILLIAM RANDOLPH SMITH, M.D., of Little Falls, a prominent member of the medical profession, was born at Budd's Lake, Morris County, N. J., November 15, 1862, son of John and Nancy (Rose) Smith, and grandson of Joseph and Margaret (Walling) Smith. He is a great-grandson of General John Smith of the New Jersey militia, who was in the service of the United States in the War of 1812, and at the time of the defeat of Pakenham by General Jackson was preparing to take his regiment to New Orleans. Gen-



WILLIAM R. SMITH.



eral Smith was successfully engaged in the iron business. Both the grandfather and father of Dr. Smith were farmers—men of respectability and usefulness. William Randolph Smith was educated at the Centenary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown, N. J., the New York University, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., receiving from the last mentioned institution his degree of Doctor of Medicine. The excellent educational advantages which he enjoyed were the result of his own efforts, the means to prosecute his advanced studies having been obtained by teaching, which he commenced at the age of seventeen, continuing at this occupation until his twenty-third year.

Dr. Smith engaged in the practice of the medical profession at Andover, Sussex County, N. J., but after two years removed to Little Falls, where he has since resided. He has been highly successful in his professional work, and is one of the most conspicuous citizens of his community. He has taken an especial interest in the public schools, having for two years served as president of the Board of Education.

He is a member of Myrtle Lodge No. 232, I. O. O. F., of Little Falls Lodge No. 1194, Royal Arcanum, and of the Knights of Honor.

Dr. Smith was married at Deckertown, N. J., October 15, 1891, to Miss Etta M. Roe, and has two children, Helen and Marjorie.



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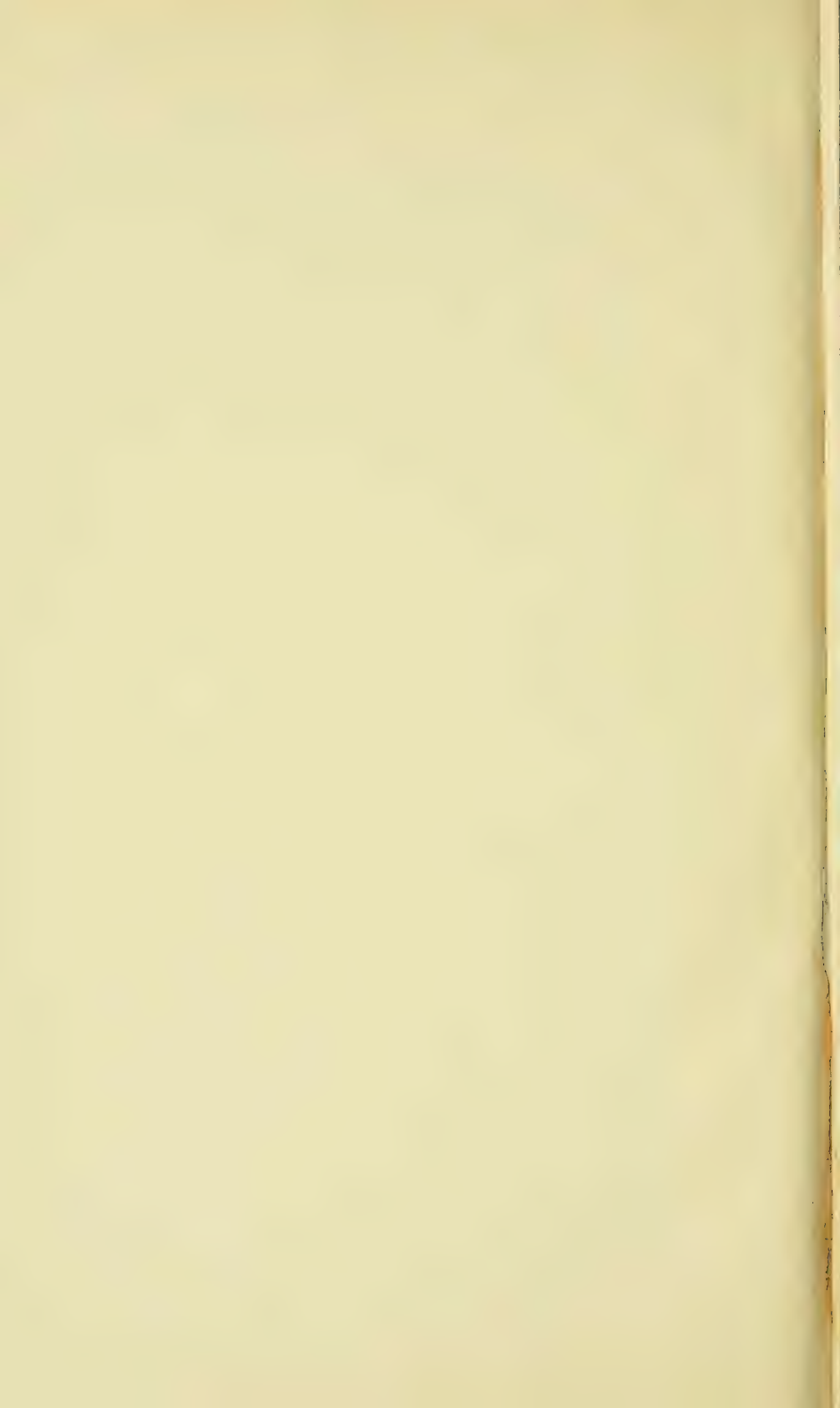
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